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A Letter from the PRESIDENT

To Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis

THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 18, 1948

Dear Brother Lewis:

It is fortunate in a world faced with many and grave problems that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is always enthusiastic about good works. They are tireless wherever the sense of duty calls them.

I recall with satisfaction the splendid activities of the Elks when we were fighting our way to victory in the greatest war in history. For all that we owe them a debt of gratitude, difficult to estimate and impossible to repay.

The program for the convention this year indicates, happily, that the members of our Order still are looking for opportunities for practical service in behalf of their fellow countrymen and the underprivileged everywhere.

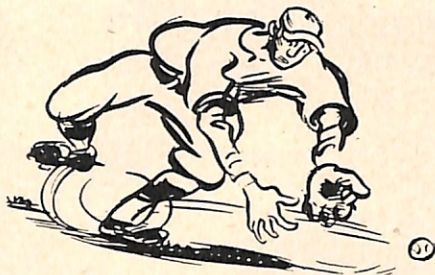
National defense -- the protection of the American interest, whether at home or abroad -- is still a paramount problem. It is good to know that the Elks will always stand foursquare in support of every measure designed to maintain and advance the prestige of their country.

I wish I could attend the national convention in person but I know you appreciate the circumstances which make that impossible. Please extend hearty felicitations and warmest personal greetings to all in attendance.

Fraternally,

Mr. L. A. Lewis,
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**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
AGO THIS MONTH
IN THE ELKS
MAGAZINE**



A HIGHLIGHT of the August, 1923, issue was the published Speech of Acceptance of then-Grand Exalted Ruler James G. McFarland, in which Mr. McFarland formulated the action slogan: "Let's Do!"

Two interesting quotes from the address: "We, as Elks, stand committed to defend our Country and Constitution against attacks of Bolshevism, I.W.W.'ism, and others of that ilk."

"Our splendid National Magazine has done and will do much to stimulate the spirit and interest of each member; and be he ever so new to our Order . . . each member is now a full and advised partner in our accomplishments."

Achmed Abdullah, Bozeman Bulger, Courtney Ryley Cooper were among the contributors to this issue.

Robert C. Benchley wrote complaints of his enormous success in raising vegetables in his home garden. "I have seen the time," he whined, "when for every string-bean I picked, three would appear in its place before my back was turned. Or rather before my back was well." Benchley's work should be collected and preserved for a posterity which, judging from today's headlines, will crave his style of diversion.

Another popular humorist, Octavus Roy Cohen, was represented in the August, 1923, issue with "Measure for Pleasure", in which the central character, Premium Fig, invented "the fust wardrobe coffin in the entire world". In our personal opinion, some of these humorous pieces merit republication, perhaps in an abbreviated form.

An excerpt from a significant editorial published in *The Elks Magazine* of a quarter-century ago attacking un-American groups: "This element, composed of anarchists, Bolsheviks, I.W.W.'s, Reds, and such ilk, constitutes a real menace to our institutions. It is no imagined phantom of sinister appearance, but a physically existent enemy plotting evil in our very midst."

In the 1923 theater and movie world, Lucile LaVerne was entertaining audiences in "Sun-Up", Mary Pickford appeared in "Rosita", Vivienne Segal and Harry Fender starred in "Adrienne", Barbara Bedford, Milton Sills and Sam de Grasse combined their talents to make Rex Beach's "The Spoilers". J. S.

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IN THIS ISSUE We Present—

AS IS customary in our August issue, most of our pages are devoted to the reproduction of the reports of the Grand Lodge Committees, and to your Editors' story of the Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia which had a cozy place between the Republican and Democratic conferences.

We wish to point out the importance of the message which our newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler, George I. Hall of Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1515, has sent to all of us in his Speech of Acceptance which appears with his picture on pages 4 and 5. In these uncertain times, the firm standpoints of leaders of American groups such as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are of vital interest to the entire Nation and point the way to those of lesser faith.

The report of retiring Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis has a great deal of important information in it and we urge our audience to read and digest it, and take great pride in the accomplishments of our great Fraternity during the past year.

The reports of the other Grand Lodge Committees are also included in this issue, all of them proving the splendid condition in which the Order finds itself this year.

The rest of the book is devoted to our usual, monthly feature articles, with the addition of an interesting piece which has crept into these pages, "Cardinals—Team of Many Managers." This is an article by J. Roy Stockton, a baseball fan from Clayton, Mo., and Sports Editor of the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*. Mr. Stockton takes a rather dim view of the major-league managerships. He gives us as his example the impressive list of men who have guided the destiny of the St. Louis Cardinals. The possible pitfalls in the career of a big-league baseball boss are so plentiful as to remove most of the glamour and hopes for a happy future, according to Mr. Stockton.

We hope you like the haze which is our cover this month. Having seen countless photographs of beach scenes on these crowded, humid summer days, we thought you might like to see what artist Howard Butler did to this subject. He has succeeded in making more than one of us sizzle.

The other fraternal information in this issue includes reports of lodge activities, State Association Conventions and the Veterans Activities Commission. A page has been devoted to the telling of the story of the members of Chicago, Ill., Lodge, No. 4, who have taken over the welfare of the handicapped youngsters at the Illinois Hospital School for Crippled Children. Each of the nearly 100 girls and boys confined to this institution is a personal friend and ward of the Chicago Elks who are their benefactors in so many important ways. The story should be an inspiration to the entire Order. R. M. F.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING and the DRAFT

You can tell young men affected by Selective Service these facts:

The U. S. Army will continue to rely on voluntary enlistments as its primary source of manpower.

If there are not enough volunteers to meet authorized strength, young men of 19 to 25 will be subject to call for 21 months of service, with an additional 5 years in inactive reserve status.

But there are a number of other courses open.

First, men of 18 may volunteer within limited monthly quotas, for one year's training with the Army of the United States. Up to 110,000 men, in monthly increments of 10,000, in this classification can be accepted. Following active duty they must, if offered the assignment, serve 4 years in an organized unit of the Reserve or National Guard; or, if not offered such assignment, serve 6 years in

the inactive reserve. Either of these requirements may be met by enlisting for 2 or more years in the Regular Army.

Second, men of 19 to 25 may volunteer for 21 months in the Regular Army. Upon completion of this service they must serve for 3 years with an organized reserve unit or National Guard, or serve 5 years in the inactive reserve. Either of these requirements may be met by extending Regular Army enlistment another 12 months.

Third—and best, is enlistment in the Regular Army for 3 or more years. There are many advantages to this course. Men of 17 to 34 who measure up to high Regular Army standards can enter on a professional career that has few equals in civilian life. Here are the important facts about these opportunities:

CHOICES OPEN TO 3-YEAR VOLUNTEERS

The Army Technical School Program permits any young man with a high school education, or the equivalent, between 17 and 34, who enlists for 3 years, to apply for and qualify for one of more than 60 splendid technical school courses taught by the Army, *before he enlists*. And he can be sure of attending that course after enlistment. If promoted to a technical grade, he can earn the net equivalent of up to \$5000 a year in civilian pay.

Overseas Service in Japan or Korea is open to any 3-year volunteer who selects it. Famous combat divisions now in the Far East are doing a magnificent job for democracy and world peace. Men who serve with them will have 20% increase for overseas pay.

Continued Education is offered Army volunteers through the hundreds of high school and college courses provided by the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. Most colleges grant credits for courses completed under this educational program.

Officer Candidate School, leading to a reserve commission in the Army, is open to high school graduates, 20½ to 28, who can qualify. Distinguished OCS graduates are commissioned in the Regular Army.

Veterans have special choices open to them, depending on their experience and the Military Occupational Specialties they held previously. With the expanded training program, advancement opportunities will be excellent.



Advise young men who have questions about the new Selective Service Act to stop at the nearest Army and Air Force Recruiting Station and get full details.

CAREERS WITH A FUTURE

U. S. Army



GEORGE I. HALL

of Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge No. 1515, elected
Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge
Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., July 5, 1948

Speech of Acceptance

Grand Exalted Ruler Hall's vigorous address to the 84th Grand Lodge Session

IT IS WITH a feeling of humility, accompanied by a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation, that I acknowledge and accept the high honor which you have just bestowed upon me as your Grand Exalted Ruler. I pray to Almighty God with all my heart to guide me in all my decisions and deliberations and to keep me steadfast, so that I may carry on to the best of my ability for the advancement of our Order and the furtherance of its ideals, so that when I turn the gavel over to my successor it may be said that the confidence you placed in me was well merited.

I am fully cognizant that there are many responsibilities attached to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler and I call upon each and every one of you and every member of our beloved Order for your wholehearted support and cooperation.

In accepting this great honor, I have only one regret and that is the necessity of my resignation as a member of the Board of Grand Trustees. However, I take with me memories of true friendships formed while I was privileged to be a member of that Board. These are friendships that come from close association and I hope we all shall live to enjoy them for many years.

To the members of my own Lodge, Lynbrook No. 1515, and to all the Elks of that great Empire State of New York, I extend my deep and sincere appreciation. They have been most loyal to me throughout my career as an Elk and their cooperation and encouragement have made it possible for me to attain all the honors in the New York State Elks Association and in the Grand Lodge that have been mine.

To my own Exalted Ruler, Judge Norman F. Lent, who has been so generous in his recommendations of me in his eloquent speech nominating me for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, I shall always be very grateful.

To that wonderful group of Past Grand Exalted Rulers who preceded me in this office, who are an inspiration to all of us, who have never ceased their devoted activities in this Order, and who have given me so many opportunities to be of service, I am sincerely thankful and appreciative. I hope that each of them continues to enjoy the best of health for many years to come so that we, in the Grand Lodge, may always be able to call upon them for their wise counsel, and may I assure you that I intend to do just that during the coming year.

And last, but most important to me, in this, the happiest moment of my service in Elksdom, I should like, with all the sincerity at my command, to say "Thanks, a heartfelt thanks" to a man whom I shall always look up to as "the greatest Elk who ever lived". He is my best friend and he has been my inspiration in Elksdom for many years. His kindly and timely advice and encouragement to me at all times have never failed. To me and to anyone who ever had the privilege of knowing him, he is a living exemplification of the principles of

our Order. He has been and continues to be a tireless worker for this Order. I just want to say to him—Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan—"Thanks, Jim!" I sincerely appreciate your patience and wise counsel and shall ever be grateful to you. You inspired and encouraged me and made it possible for me to reach this position of Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

I follow the footsteps of Grand Exalted Ruler "Lew" Lewis, who has been a dear friend of mine for many years, and believe me when I say I shall always cherish that friendship all of my life. He is a real *he* man, a dynamic and forceful character, a man who has shown that he is thoroughly familiar with Elksdom and who has made an enviable record throughout the nation as a real leader and a great administrator. Our Order owes much to "Lew" Lewis for his tireless efforts and his courage and straight-forwardness. He told the delegates in convention in Portland last July that he "had devised a plan to make every Elk an active partner—not a limited partner", and he has followed that plan. He was most successful in arousing the people of our country as to the dangers confronting our democratic way of life and he insisted upon their knowing the good that Elks do for their fellow man.

No place should be more sacred than our Elks homes, for into them we at all times should feel free to bring our wives, families and friends, and, "Lew", I desire to take this opportunity of congratulating you upon the wonderful manner in which you have accomplished the work as our Grand Exalted Ruler and to express to you the appreciation of all your Brother Elks for the great effort you have put forth to keep our homes the kind of places they should be. I also want you to know that I shall continue your policies and will insist that every Elks home be a credit to the community and thus keep the Elks on the high plane that has always characterized them.

THROUGHOUT my years of service to our Order, I might properly be called "a subordinate lodge man" and I feel that I am thoroughly familiar with the many problems that are confronting our subordinate lodges, being always appreciative of the fact that the subordinate lodge is the "backbone and lifeblood" of our Order.

It is indeed fortunate for us that one of our most capable Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Charles Grakelow, volunteered to be the Chairman of this Grand Lodge Convention. He is a leading citizen in Philadelphia and one of the most beloved and respected leaders of our Order. I want to take this opportunity, on your behalf and for myself personally, of thanking him and his committee on the way they have handled this Convention. He has left no stone unturned for your comfort

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ROD and GUN



**There's a new hazard
for Sportsmen—the Spook.**

BY TED TRUEBLOOD



THE Rogue River, in Oregon, is one of America's most beautiful, most famous, most delightful and finest trout streams. Each year it has runs of chinook salmon, silver salmon, sea-run cutthroat trout and steelheads. It has an-

other run, too—one that you never have read about before. That is the spook run.

Spooks aren't fish. They don't come from the ocean. They don't all come from the West, either, despite rumors to the contrary. Although it is true that the West does have an unlimited supply of spooks, careful observation has revealed to me that there is a constant trickle of them from many other parts of the country.

What is a spook? Well, it is a little hard to define a spook because you can't tell him from a human being merely by looking at him. You have to see him in action to be sure. Here are a few infallible signs:

1. You're fishing a good pool and you hook a big trout that gets away. Before you can cast again, a character bursts out of the brush, crowds in ahead of you and begins to fish. He, friends, is a spook.

2. You're fishing a riffle. A car stops on the road above the river. Three anglers leap out, seize their rods, dash down the bank and get into the water 75 feet ahead of you. They, my brothers of the leaky waders, are spooks.

3. You're casting from shore in a lake and you catch a nice fish. Be-

fore you can get him safely out of sight in your creel, a flock of boats, like buzzards descending upon a dead hog, swoop into the water before you and their occupants begin whipping it to a lather. Those gourdheads, fellow sufferers, are spooks.

LAST Fall it didn't rain enough in western Oregon to wash the dust out of your hair from August until the middle of October. Steelheads come upstream on high water. Consequently, the only fish in the Rogue River while we fished it were those that ran late in the summer. They were few and far between, and we had to cover a lot of water to find them. The spooks, however, were unaffected by the drouth. Some days you could find one on every rock.

I fished with R. G. Cole. He has a cabin down river from Grants Pass, and he is just about the only living mortal who can fish farther and faster and harder and longer than I. Except when we had to go to town for supplies, we fished every day from dawn to dark. Between riffles we alternately cussed the weather and the spooks. Both were with us constantly.

Early one morning, R. G. hooked a really good steelhead at the lower end of Enis Riffle. It was by far the best fish of the trip, but it jumped twice and threw the hook. Naturally, we started giving that water a thorough combing. We didn't think his fish would strike again, but we figured that where there was one there might be two.

Just as we were well started, here came a boat. There was a spook in it. He edged around the point at the

bottom of the riffle, slipped through an eddy and before we realized what he was up to, he was rowing right over the water we were fishing. Of course, it was ruined for several hours.

The riffle makes quite a lot of noise, and I doubt whether he heard the first few words—the polite ones—that R. G. said to him. Anyway, he kept on coming. Then my companion turned up the volume, and if the spook took it to heart he hasn't recovered his self-respect yet. Nobody ever got told more effectively. He left, but the damage was done.

Another time, R. G. and I were fishing down Lewis Riffle. We had just about reached the best water when a whole family of spooks swarmed down the bank ahead of us. None of them could cast, and they had a weird assortment of tackle, but they certainly did try. There were Daddy and Mama and four little spooks, two downy-faced boys and a couple of leggy girls. Their combined efforts whipped the water to a froth.

R. G. is not a man to be dismayed by odds, but his comment consisted of only one awe-inspired, profane word. We got out on the bank and walked around them and started fishing again a hundred yards downstream. A whole family of spooks is too much.

Of course, one meets gentlemen on the Rogue, the same as on any other stream. We saw plenty of fine, considerate anglers who never would get into a riffle ahead of a man fishing it and who, in all other ways, demonstrated the sportsmanship that fishing should inspire in anyone. I'm not finding fault with them. In fact, I'm taking up the cudgel in their behalf. Maybe we can organize an Honest Anglers' Anti-Spook Protective Society to present a united front against these pests who run the banks of every trout stream from Maine to California.

Few spooks are fly fishermen. Understand, I'm not saying that all fly fishermen are gentlemen and all bait fishermen are spooks. I'm simply stating that most of the considerate, sportsmanlike anglers we met on the Rogue River last Fall were fishing flies.

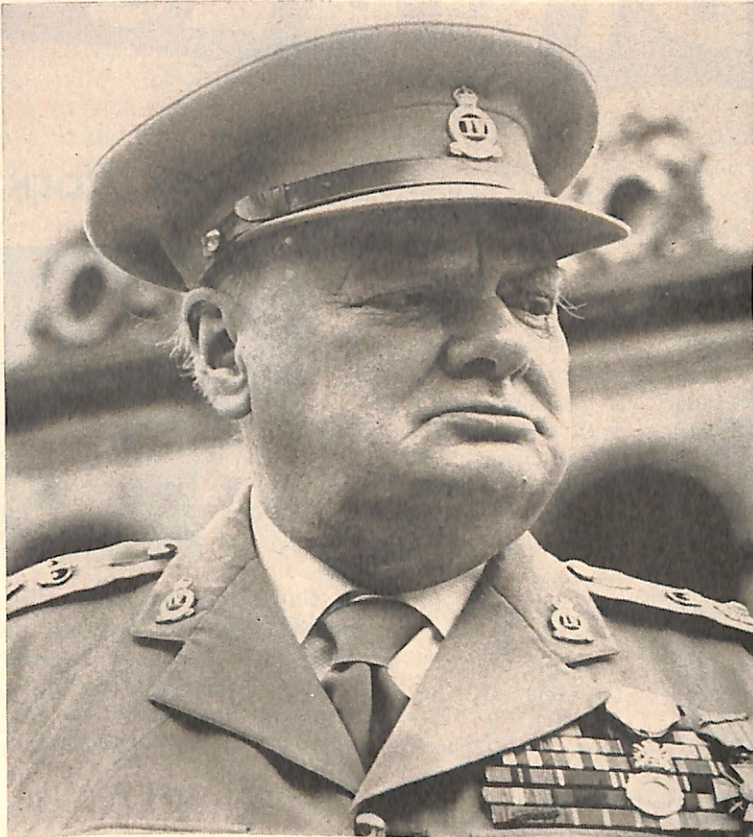
IF THERE is one class of men that could be considered above reproach, however, it is the Rogue River boatmen. These guides—most of whom, I assume, found lion taming and bronc busting too tame—take anglers down the river by boat, either for one-day trips from Grants Pass or clear through to Gold Beach, on the ocean. They know the river and the fish, and all the angler has to do is to sit in the stern (the bow always is kept upstream) and let his fly trail out below. The boatman puts it over steelheads.

I don't like that kind of fishing. I prefer to find my own fish and solve my own problems, so I wade and cast. We saw boatmen on the river almost every day, however.

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What America is Reading

BY ALBERT HUBBELL



International News Photo



One of the great documents of our time can now be studied

SUPPOSE the most important literary event of this season is the publication of the first volume of Winston Churchill's memoirs, *The Gathering Storm*. I say literary with justice, I believe, for, although there are several world figures whose reminiscences, if published now, would command as much attention, I can think of none who is both politically important and important as a writer at the same time.

Churchill is a real writer. For many years, especially those when he was out of office, he made his living by that craft, and there is a style and character to his utterance that is unique, even though it bears the marks of a long and honorable tradition in English letters. It is a prose one reads with the ear rather than with the eye, perhaps partly because it is dictated. And how dramatic it is! What a perfect instrument for the retelling of, as Churchill might say, the melancholy story of our times. A long work of Churchill's like this, puts me in mind of a great orchestra playing a Beethoven symphony (especially that symphony, the Fifth, which became the symbol of Britain's leadership in the struggle

against oppression); now it rumbles in the wings, like far-off, now it rasps with sarcasm, now crashes into a crescendo of defiance and then, again, goes off into sonorous muttering, summoning up new strength for the attack.

The Gathering Storm, parts of which, but by no means all, have been widely serialized in the past few months, is the first movement of the Churchillian symphony. It is divided into two books, or sections, the first of which deals with the history of the Western world between the wars; its theme is "how the English-speaking peoples through their unwisdom, carelessness, and good nature allowed the wicked to rearm". Judging this part of the book as history, one must remember that it is history from the very personal point of view of a man who was up to his neck in it—and, when he wasn't, was dying to be. It is also the reflection of a conservative, upper-class British mind, a bluntly practical one which has very little truck with economic or political theorizing and has been seldom bothered by qualms of self-doubt. However, the author makes no pretence of objectivity, so there is nothing

misleading in his interpretation of the march of events from 1919 to 1939. He puts them down as Winston Churchill saw them; if you don't see them that way, he seems to say, the more fool you.

Book II details what Churchill calls the "Twilight War" that filled the period between the Nazi invasion of Poland and the inglorious demise of the Chamberlain government after the British fiasco in Norway. Much of this must have been painful for Churchill to write, for he was genuinely fond of Neville Chamberlain despite the scathing attacks he customarily delivered in the House of Commons against the old gentleman's policies. He doesn't mince things, though; he makes no attempt to doll up the glaring record of ineptness of his own Conservative party, which a lesser man of politics (and Churchill is and always will be first and foremost a man of politics) might be tempted to do.

I have only one reservation about the book as a work of history: its weakness lies in the very metaphorical likeness to a symphony—or to a storm, which gathers, bursts, is defied and finally subsides—that I indulged in at the beginning of this review. It is too simple a view of human events, to my mind; too pat and literary. History just isn't like that. Just the same, though, the book is magnificent. And it ends magnificently, in a paragraph which gives insight into the character of a man who truly believes he is captain of his soul. This is the way Churchill describes his emotions, on the final page: it is May 10, 1940; the Chamberlain government has just fallen and Winston Churchill has been made chief power of the state at the most

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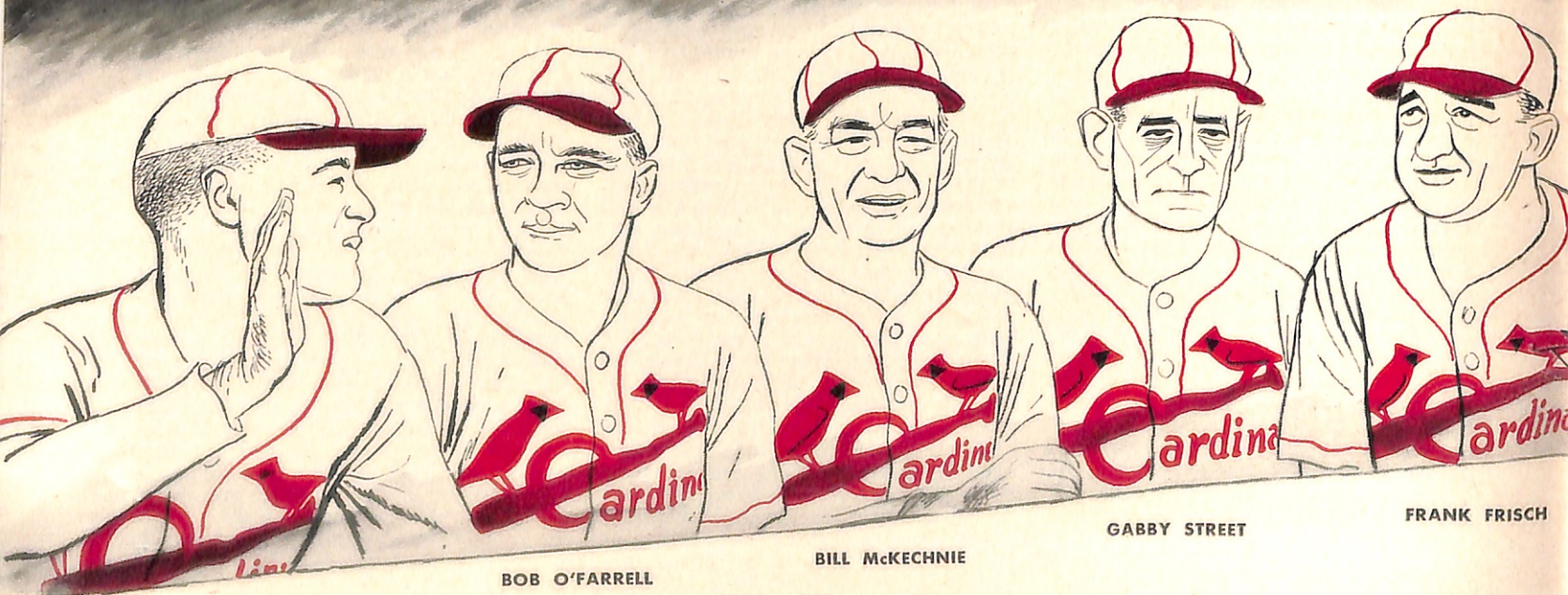
A TEAM OF MANY

CARDINALS

BY J. ROY STOCKTON



J. Roy Stockton, nationally known sportswriter, is sports editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He also is the author of the Gashouse Gang, a book about the Cardinals.



ROGERS HORNSBY

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MANAGERS—ONE STRIKE AND OUT

In St. Louis, the manager is no better than the pennant chances.

MANAGING a major league baseball club is a highly specialized job in a definitely restricted field. There are only 16 such positions available, one on each of the 16 clubs in the major leagues. The work is profitable, salaries ranging from a beginner's modest \$10,000 up to \$50,000 or more, reportedly paid to such big-time field directors as Joe McCarthy, Stanley (Bucky) Harris and Billy Southworth.

Strictly speaking, from the viewpoint usually of the club owners and large cross-sections of fans or cash customers, only two big-league managers are 100 per cent successful each year. And one of the successful two, whose athletes attain the league objective of a championship pennant, may find himself in a shadow if his team suffers an overwhelming defeat in baseball's annual big show, the October World Series.

Thus, along with the high compensation and other benefits, such as living at the best hotels in choice suites and traveling in drawing rooms on the best trains—not to mention the admiring glances of grown men and women and small fry who gather in great throngs to pay homage and get autographs—there is in the field of managing big-league clubs a high rate of job mortality.

Whether the team makes the manager or the manager

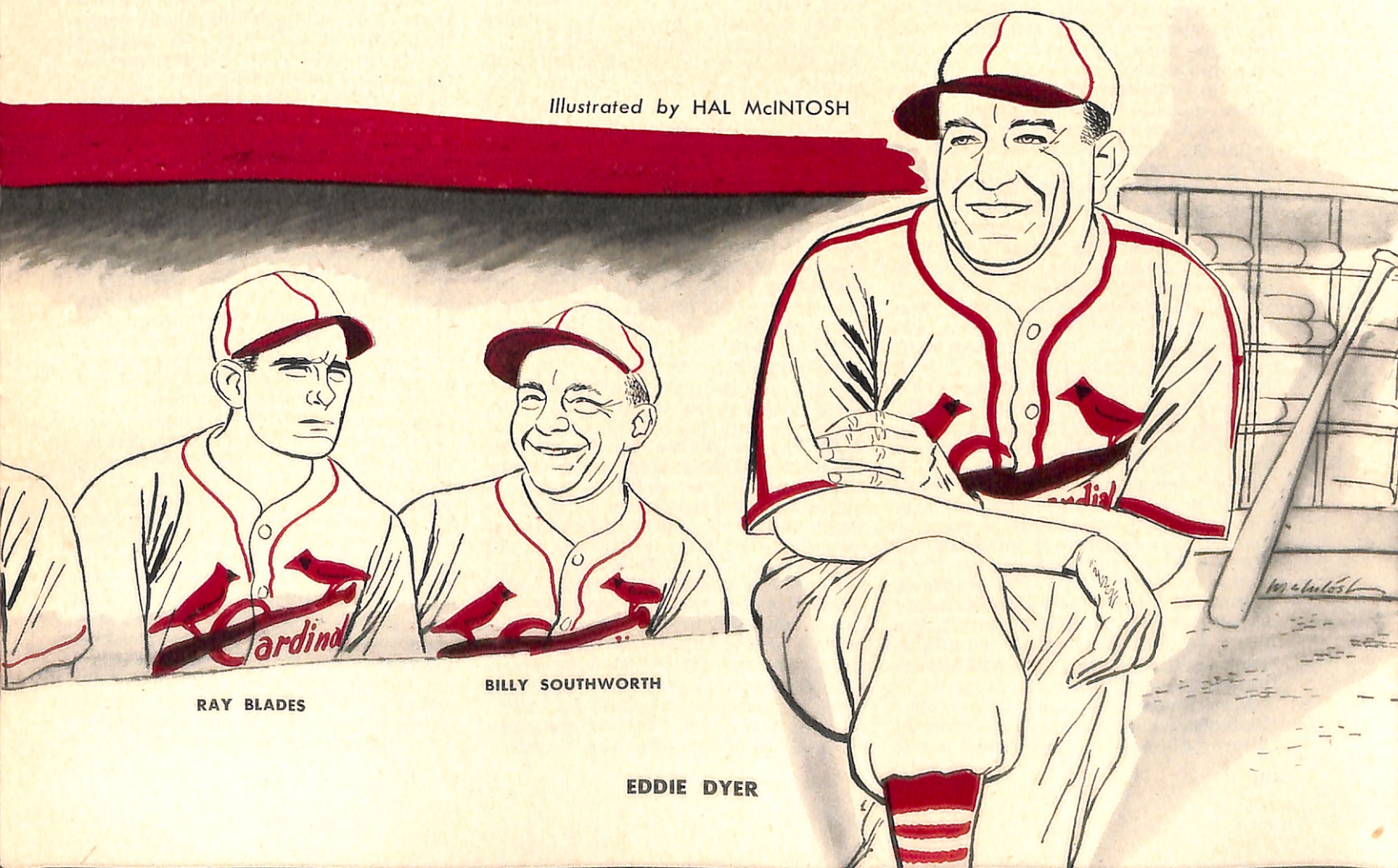
makes the team may be a moot question in barber shops, taverns, grandstand and bleachers, but nine times out of ten, if a club goes unexpectedly bad, or merely folds up because it was like unto an accordion in the first place, the front office decides that the thing to do is to fire the manager and hire a new one.

The qualifications of a big-league manager, the nebulous things that give a man the magic touch, are mysterious indeed. Yes, mysterious and changing, with the tides and the calendar. A young Bucky Harris may win two pennants for a Washington club and be acclaimed as a boy wonder, a master tactician of the diamond. But the same Bucky Harris, if his team goes to pot, may find himself looking for a job. Luke Sewell, a personable gentleman, won the American League pennant for the Browns in 1944, for instance. It was the first pennant the Browns ever won in the American League. Sewell was acclaimed throughout the land, as well as in St. Louis. He was manager of the year, a man with a magic touch, neglecting the point that he was competing against war-time ball clubs.

Less than two years later, the same Sewell, with virtually the same Browns, was not winning a pennant. The club was floundering. Though his contract had

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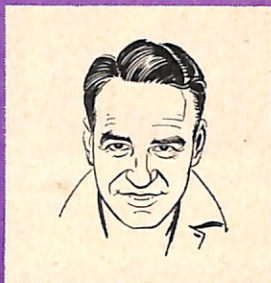


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EDDIE DYER

IT'S A MAN'S WORLD



BY DICKSON HARTWELL

THE crisis of the gasoline shortage has made impractical nearly everywhere our foremost summer recreation—a drive of a hundred or a thousand miles—and the routine of staying home becomes the duty of every good citizen. The trouble with that great institution, the home, is that after a while the old place doesn't look so good. The wall paper appears unglued and insecure, the paint is obviously peeling and a persistently leaking faucet can drive a man to psychiatry. Trimming the lawn and weeding the garden lose their flavor with the passing of the first flush of June. And in the dog days of August even the funny men on the radio and the funny strips in the newspapers fail to make the four walls as cozy as when outside it's ten below zero.

An automobile with its 100-horsepower engine, its sleek hood burnished and its radiator grill gleaming means as much to modern man as did the trappings, lance and mount to the Knights of the Middle Ages. When a man can't get the car out of a Sunday and, protected by its armor, go charging about the countryside cussing other drivers, he loses something that sets him apart from other people—the female people and the children people. He somehow becomes less of a man than he needs to be; incomplete, like a hunter without a rifle, a farmer with no seed or a shot-putter in a world of sand. He gets nervous and edgy and for surcease takes up wife beating.

The best antidote for this soul-wrecking poison is to enter a new world and conquer it—in a way, of course, that requires a minimum of effort. What is handier or more readily subdued than that world of women, the kitchen? This antidote is guaranteed to keep you in the house, to uplift a slipping ego and to frustrate the devil in providing nefarious work for idle hands.

More important, it will prove conclusively what most of us already believe; though women make a big

fuss over it, mastery of the kitchen isn't nearly as difficult as they say it is. Any man can turn out good things to eat with just a little common-sense application of business principles. Naturally, a fool-proof recipe doesn't do any serious harm either.

In warm weather the easiest concoction is a salad. Where a man has difficulty with summer salad is in matching the colors of his fruits and vegetables with the colors of salads lushly illustrated in the women's magazines. Well, there is no color to this one. It's simple and delectable and so new it's called Salad X. But even a French name or a French chef couldn't make it taste better.

Get yourself a mess of leaf lettuce—a big mess because you'll love it. Fry four or six slices of bacon until they're so well done they're stiff. Take out the bacon and crumble it to bits. To the bacon grease add a cup of white wine (right into the frying pan), two tablespoons of vinegar, a generous pinch of Twin Trees salad herbs, two tablespoons of sugar and, if you have one around, a small hunk of onion. Cook this gluck slowly, stirring until the grease and other ingredients have merged. Then put the lettuce right into your wife's best wooden salad bowl and pour the hot stuff over it. Sprinkle the bacon crumbs over all. Toss the salad and you've got something even Henry VIII never thought of.

VERY few dishes can be simpler than Salad X. But here is one that you can brag about all winter—anyhow, the women do—and it is technically no more difficult, and considerably less arduous, than changing a tire. It's a quick trick for making green chili sauce I discovered while watching my wife one rainy afternoon last summer. Always I had thought that green chili sauce was among the more mysterious mixtures. It isn't. About all you need is enough foresight to order, steal or buy from a farmer some unripened tomatoes. Real hard green.

The rest you can do blindfolded.

Take about thirty-five green tomatoes, ten large onions and five big green peppers. Chop these all up together until they are fine (which is about ten chops after you think they are fine enough). Then dump this residue into a big pot and add a couple of cups of water, five tablespoons of salt, five pints of vinegar. Then light the gas, put the lid on and cook slowly with occasional stirring for about two hours. The result is six or eight pint jars of the goldurndest green chili you ever tasted. Great stuff with meat, for those who can afford meat; those who can't, claim if they eat it with eggplant they imagine it's at least chicken.

Don't let putting the stuff into jars floor you. Ordinary screw top jars will do if dropped for a few seconds into boiling water. Just fill them full of sauce, sterilize the top and rubber ring with a moment's boiling, wipe any spilled sauce off the jar rim and screw the cap on but tight.

Here's another new wrinkle: If you want your after-dinner ice cream to sit up and act like one of the family, pour into each dish a jigger or two of port wine. The flavor blend is delightful and, by the time the ice cream dilutes it, practically non-alcoholic so it pleases even Aunt Minnie. Incidentally, as a moment's reflection suggests, this goes better with plain vanilla than with such flavors as honey and almond and tutti-frutti.

A casual air in the kitchen always endears a stay-at-home husband to his womenfolk. One of the most effective means of sustaining that air, I've discovered, is to make suggestions from time to time about cooking technique. This month, suggest to her that sometime she try basting the lamb roast with coffee. That's right, coffee. The coffee does something to lamb your palate will be grateful for. And, the next time you make a suggestion it will be received with respect.

The *pièce de résistance* of your kitchen encounter is an easy-to-subdue dish which takes me back to my hungry boyhood: bread and butter pickles. Because of the quantity I filched from our pantry, bread and butter pickles have for me an extra, illicit flavor which doubtless is not universal; if it were there wouldn't be enough to supply the demand.

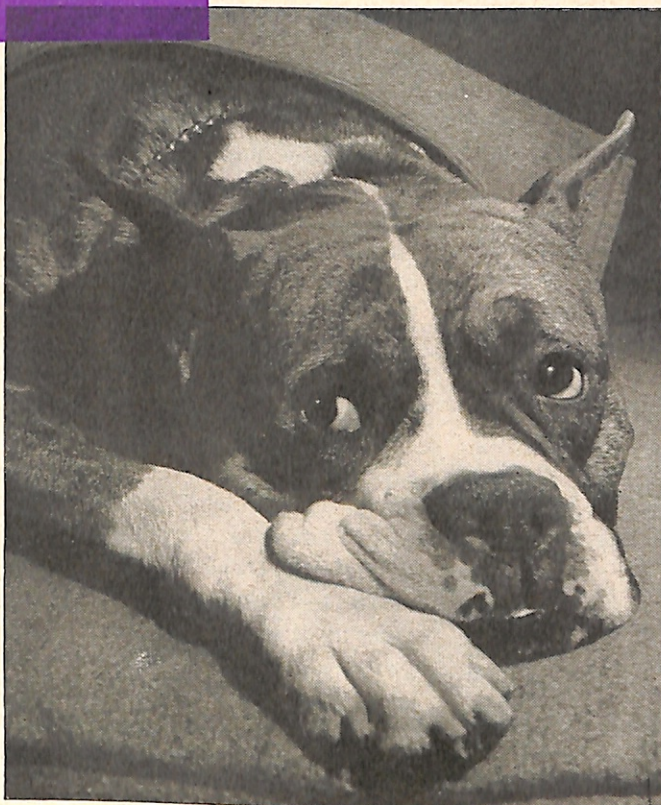
The business-like approach to superior bread and butter pickles is to ice them thoroughly in preparation. That makes the cucumbers crunchy crisp and entirely unlike the flabby store-boughten variety which act so discouraged when you go to eat them. To make cucumbers crisp slice them thinly. Slice about four quarts of cucumbers and six or eight onions, a green pepper and a red pepper. In the dish pan or something big, layer the slices with salt using not more than half a cup of salt for the batch. Add three garlic cloves and stir. Then add ice cubes, working them through the entire mixture

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IN THE DOGHOUSE

Mr. Faust, at a loss, has begun taking the advice of his personal dog.

with
Ed Faust



Boxer photographed by Ylla.

LAST month, at the suggestion of my personal dog, I went into the subject of what you can do if your own particular Fido gets a wee case of the willies. Acting on the insistence of this fellow of mine, who invites himself into my business of writing about dogs because he thinks he knows more about his species than I do—and of course he's right—I discussed the minor ailments of teeth, eyes, schnozzle, ears, feet and fleas, all of which are of first importance to your canine friend. Because of space limitations, I had to wind up with fleas, and if you ever wound up with fleas, that's something.

Seriously, let's give attention to a second group of parasites which afflict dogs and, as many may not be aware, are also a common affliction among humans. These are the internal parasites known by that ugly name, worms. Now these mischief-makers may be detected in the dog's stool, but you must have considerable experience with dogs to know which kind are present. If you are not experienced and are suspicious of the presence of these parasites in your dog, then the proper action is to consult your vet. The symptoms of such pests frequently are a dry, brittle coat, sometimes accompanied by excessive shedding; prolonged watery eyes; unusual decrease or increase of appetite, or a swollen abdomen. The

last is a definite signal, if your dog is a puppy. All puppies, regardless of breed, are afflicted at some time with such parasites. Another symptom is apparent if the dog skates along the floor on his rear end. An unaccountable skin eruption may also indicate the presence of such intruders.

Now, among such parasitic nuisances are the round, tape, hook and whip varieties. Each name pretty well describes the type of parasite. Again I say, if you have experience sufficient to determine which kind of pest afflicts your dog, then you will find in any well-stocked drug store a medicine to cure the condition. But you must be sure to follow precisely the directions given by the manufacturer. If you have a puppy, be sure you get a medicine designed for puppies, not for grown dogs. Medicines for full-grown dogs administered to a puppy are definitely dangerous as the action of most of them is to "gas" the parasites and therefore would be entirely too powerful for a puppy. There are remedies for these conditions designed exclusively for pups and young dogs. I repeat that if you are in any doubt you had best turn your dog over to your vet, and if you are particularly fastidious, you'd better do this anyway, because the business of ridding Fido of these pests is not a pleasant task.

Nature has seemed to rule that

every dog have its quota of fleas and, of course, these make the purp scratch. This is nothing to be alarmed about because, as I have pointed out in the issue previous to this, such unwanted guests can be disposed of easily. But if your dog does more than his share of scratching, you'd better examine its skin carefully.

AS ANY dog-wise person knows, eczema and mange are common ailments among dogs. Eczema, frequently referred to as "summer eczema", makes itself known by a body rash under the legs, on the stomach and at the base of the animal's tail. Actually, it has nothing to do with summer but is a form of eczema that may arise at any time the temperature rises. There's a simple and effective remedy designed to combat this condition and I'll be glad to tell any reader about it if he or she is faced with this problem. Eczema is seen in winter as frequently as in summer and this is caused by overheated quarters, or by owners who, with misplaced kindness, permit a dog to sleep close to a radiator, or some other heating apparatus, in cold weather.

Mange is a far more serious affliction and in one of its forms it can be fatal. The symptoms in either of the two varieties are, first, a moth-eaten appearance of the coat and an unpleasant odor. The coat grows dull and frequently is brittle. There are two kinds of mange, sarcoptic and follicular. The first is amenable to remedial care, but the second is so persistent that the Government prohibits the advertising of a cure or medicine to be taken either internally or externally. In the sarcoptic (curable) mange, there may be bare rings around the dog's eyes and bald spots on its head. In both varieties you may look for small spots on the skin under the armpits, on the side of the legs and on the tummy. Oddly enough, dogs afflicted with the follicular and much more dangerous variety of mange as a rule do not scratch as much in the various stages. If your dog shows any of the symptoms I have mentioned, and you are not well experienced in treating sick dogs, of course the sensible, humane thing is to bring the dog to your vet. There are mange remedies sold by most drug stores, designed to check—if not cure—the sarcoptic form of mange. Some are effective but should only be used as directed by the manufacturer.

Sometimes Fido doesn't relieve himself as often as he should. Naturally, you'll only note this by close observation, but there are many simple remedies for canine constipation. A spoonful of milk of magnesia diluted with a couple of spoonfuls of

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ELK NEWSLETTER

★ WASHINGTON

Though the conventions interrupted Congressional capers, Washington has been far from dull this summer. Committees still are busy on Capitol Hill: ERP--the European Recovery Program-- is rapidly swinging into high gear. Rumor is rife.

Federal workers, for example, are wondering what will happen to them if Governor Dewey gets an opportunity to perform his promise to conduct "the biggest housecleaning you have ever seen next January". Biggest obstacle to this biggest housecleaning is the fact that 92 per cent of the 1.8 million Federal jobholders are now under Civil Service, while most of the agencies not so covered have merit systems of their own.

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Government career men not concerned with their immediate personal security have other things to worry about. High on their list is the effect of the new draft law on the over-all economy of the country. So far, efforts to cushion the economy against the inflationary effects of the Marshall Plan have been limited to volunteer agreements adopted by producers in the more critical segments of the economy. But the new draft law establishes overriding priorities for defense purposes. As a result, it is feared here, critical situations may develop in fields not yet explored under the voluntary plan.

Will mandatory controls follow? A straw in the wind: John C. Virden, special assistant to the Secretary of Commerce and Director of the Office of Industry Cooperation, recently complained to the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the "looseness" of the voluntary plan. Present powers make "real accomplishment" in important areas "more than ordinarily difficult", he said.

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Most of the voluntary materials programs considered so far have been limited to steel and iron. But they have been designed to facilitate construction of such essentials as low-cost housing, freight cars and farm and oil producing equipment. For example, 58,000 tons of steel

have been allocated voluntarily for the production of all-steel prefabricated houses and 21,000 tons for the production of flue-connected floor and wall furnaces. Some 110,000 to 128,000 tons of pig iron have been allocated monthly for the manufacture of warm air furnaces, soil pipe, pressure pipe, etc. Another 160,000 tons of steel products will be furnished during the next eight months to the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission. Marked for early export to Greece are 17,000 tons of steel products. Iceland has been dealt in, too. She is to get 121 tons of steel to make hoops for herring barrels.

Meanwhile, the Office of International Trade has been forced to lay some rumors regarding Europe's requirements for relaying its railroads. The U. S. will not be expected to supply all the 51,000,000 railroad ties which Europe will import over the next four years, the tie makers are assured. The 51 million figure is the draw from all outside sources. Our contribution will average only about 2½ million a year.

Testifying to the skill of our Air Force bombers is the estimate that European Recovery Program Nations will require a total of 123 million ties during 1948-1951 inclusive.

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While receiving our railroad ties, Europe is due to send us another consignment of scientific material next month. Ending a 3-month survey and evaluation of research in Great Britain, the U. S. Mission on Science and Technology is due to return to this country in September. Its members have been exploring all fields of science, including medicine, public health, engineering and agriculture.

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The Office of Business Economics has totted up the Nation's liquor bill for the last year and found that our expenditures for alcoholic beverages, including "public revenues" (sometimes called taxes) amounted to \$9.6 billion.

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Gadget and Gimmick

DEPARTMENT

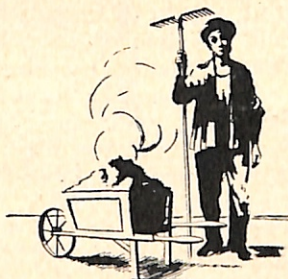


TIME was when fishing was a simple sport. The only requirements were worms, pole, a brook and a small boy on Saturday morning. Now, however, the modern fisherman goes out armed for combat with a small trout, looking more or less like a man from Mars in a space suit. Hip boots, creels, fly rods, lures, mosquito ointment, cook stove and portable bar. From the look of things only the few richest men in the country can ever be fully equipped for the sport. To those men and the others who are struggling vainly to be the well-dressed fisherman here is another item. It is a transparent plastic bait box that can hold lures in a compartmented section perforated to let them dry while encased. Remove the small sections and the entire box can be stuffed with moss and filled with live bait. By periodically dipping the box in the water the bait will stay fresh. The box itself is of a size that can be held conveniently in one hand and it possesses a clip on the under side for use in carrying the bait box on your belt.



THE ultimate in old-school rivalry is upon us. Apparently this sort of sophomoric enmity has been found commercially profitable in the form of a set of highball glasses. The tumblers have four etched rings at the base delineating the number of "fingers" of whiskey to be poured. The four rings are marked in this manner (starting from the topmost ring) Harvard man, Gentleman, Ladies, Yale Boy. The inference we are supposed to draw is that Harvard graduates are men who can drink the strongest drinks. Then gentlemen come next. The derivative inference, we pause here to note, is that Harvard men are not in the gentlemen

class. Thirdly is the ring for a ladies drink level. And, shamefully last, come the Yale "Boys". Should the owner of a set of these glasses happen to be from Yale the demarkations would be reversed and read (topmost) Yale Man, and (at bottom) Harvard Boy. For such a set of glasses you can send the name of your school and its greatest rival, being certain to specify which school should read Man and which Boy. The two middle rings always read Gentlemen and Ladies, which is a comfort.



WORK-saving device supreme for keeping the lawn clean and raked during summer and autumn is a portable incinerator. Instead of spending many tedious hours carrying leaves and grass to an incinerator at the back of the house, why not get this gadget? It is built like a wheelbarrow, has wire sides and an ash pan in the bottom. Wheel the contraption to the pile of leaves or grass, dump them in and burn it all up right there. Then wheel it away to the next pile. It sounds suspiciously like something that should have been thought of many years ago.



THIS item is directed to people who weigh six hundred pounds or who have friends who weigh six hundred pounds and are likely to drop in. It is a sun chair made of aluminum and heavy canvas that is very light but strong. The makers of this chair maintain that it will support six hun-

dred pounds. On examining the chair it becomes immediately apparent that it is wide enough to seat only one person. It has been made so no one can "beat the game", so to speak, and seat, say, two three-hundred-pounders in it, or three two-hundred-ers, or (heaven forbid) four one-hundred-fifty pounders. True, the chair can be used to seat a person weighing much less than six hundred pounds but then you are not using the chair to its full capacity. And it seems there should be a discount on the price of the thing if you sent in a statement proving you had no friends in excess of three hundred pounds. Such, however, is not the case. The price is the same for large and small alike. One thing is certain, though. The chair is a must for six-hundred-pound people.



PRACTICAL jokers can be human at times; not often, it's true. The fervent practical joker whose first waking moment involves elaborate plans for substituting shaving cream for meringue on the pie for dinner is a species to be avoided. The only way to rid yourself of this type is to commit quick, violent homicide. The explosion under the hood of the car, the squirting carnation in the button hole and the other alarming tricks practiced by this kind of joker are added thorns in life's already thorny path. The more subtle joker, however, occasionally can give a touch of humor to an otherwise cheerless day. For instance, the man who rented an empty store for three days and sat in a rocking chair in the show window evidenced great imagination. He sat there all through the day, rocking and reading newspapers. Great crowds gathered. They murmured, guessed and explained what the man was doing. In fact, of course, he was doing absolutely nothing save rocking and reading. How many citizens he bewildered is not a matter of record, but one can imagine his satisfaction was great. Another less subtle but equally pleasing practical joke is for golfers this summer. It consists of a set of golf balls that look exactly like the real thing. There are only two things the matter with them. One! They are weighted off center, which is not exactly new. When putting these balls they will start across the green and then wander aimlessly about in anything but a straight line. The other imperfection is that they are hollow, which is new. When teed up and driven they will shatter completely, to the confusion of the golfer.

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Grand Exalted Ruler Hall's

Speech of Acceptance

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and entertainment. I am positive you will all agree with me—after everything is over on Thursday—that this was one of the greatest Conventions we ever held.

It is most appropriate that we, the members of the greatest American fraternal organization, who were fortunate to have our destiny linked with the destiny of the greatest country in the world, should assemble in this beautiful city of "Brotherly Love"—known as the "Cradle of Liberty"—where there are many historical shrines and where two of the greatest documents in the history of the world were written and signed—the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Particularly is it appropriate in these days, when sinister forces are trying desperately to destroy the very fundamentals upon which this great Democracy of ours was founded. As an organization dedicated to American democracy and the preservation of all its ideals, it is most fitting that we meet here in the midst of so many venerable reminders of our humble beginning as a Nation. In viewing these national shrines, which have come to have an almost religious significance for us, surely we are filled with an overwhelming love of this great country and an intense determination to keep inviolate all of the dignities, liberties and privileges which our forefathers fought and died to secure for us. As Americans, let us cherish and preserve our rights to speak freely on any subject; to worship our God in accordance with the dictates of our conscience; to take a determined stand for what we believe to be good and to oppose unalterably that which is bad; to choose those whom we want to represent us in our government, freely and without fear of reprisal.

TO ME it is indeed significant that, in these days of ruthless disregard of personal liberties, we can gather as loyal Americans in a spirit of thankfulness and of humility, deeply conscious that we have been blessed by a "gracious Providence". Nowhere else in the wide world, except in this land of ours, may men exercise such freedom of action and of expression. Nowhere else may the humanitarian ideals of a great brotherhood become synonymous with the high aims and purposes of a freedom-loving nation. The security and safety of our country are the essen-

tial prerequisites of the security and safety of our Order. Ours is a patriotism which is not worn on the coat sleeve, nor shouted from the housetops. It is effectively and practically manifested. We *must see* that America is safeguarded from within as well as from without, for in this blessed land there must be *no divided allegiance*. We who love and who have defended America ask but one simple question of those within our borders—"Do you likewise love America?" The answer should determine the status of every individual enjoying the security and hospitality of our land. Against those who would do our country harm, every legal restraint must be employed, because by their ungrateful hostility to our institutions they have forfeited all rights to tolerance, protection and freedom of action. Personal liberties won by the blood and sacrifice of our heroic forefathers, and for which hundreds of thousands of our youth gave their lives, must not be abused by false Americans. They must not, and it is our duty to see that they do not, destroy the very government that makes these liberties possible.

A FRATERNITY can justify itself and live in perpetuity only through unselfish and unswerving loyalty. Since our great happiness comes from helping those we love and from unselfish service, our greatest strength must come from our allegiance to our country. For without loyalty and patriotism there can be no satisfying service, no peace, and surely no security. Come what may—as long as men are willing to share and assume the benefits and responsibilities of our great democracy, as long as the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity remain with us, in deed, as well as in thought—Elkdom will live on and America will endure.

Recognizing that retention of membership and the proposal of outstanding candidates for membership in our Order are essential and necessary to the progress thereof and to the welfare of the subordinate lodge, I strongly urge our leaders, and particularly our Exalted Rulers, to leave no stone unturned in making every endeavor to retain their present membership and to increase their rolls, not by membership drives, which I strongly oppose, but by the adoption of programs in our subordinate

lodes, which will be the means of attracting the thousands of available candidates to our doors, in addition to retaining the interest of our present members.

OUR Order and its membership should be the leaders in every movement for good in their communities, and our homes the centers wherein the American way of life is practiced and followed daily. Let us give serious thought in our programs during the year for the development of our youth, for the young men of today will be the Elks of tomorrow and their growth and development should be our chief concern. Therefore, I urge my Brothers to continue their splendid support of the Boy Scouts of America and to contribute to the progress of all youth programs so that the boys of America may know that the Elks have their interest at heart and want to assist them at all times.

We who have enjoyed the freedom and wholesomeness of the American way of life and who place the American Flag first in our hearts as Americans and first on our altars as loyal Elks, realize that whatever threatens our country threatens our families and, of course, the welfare of our Order. *"We believe in America. We believe in our constitutional form of government. We must all pull together or we will all fall together. As we could not be Elks without being Americans, let us prove that we are better Americans for being Elks and let's adopt for our slogan this year—MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK!"*

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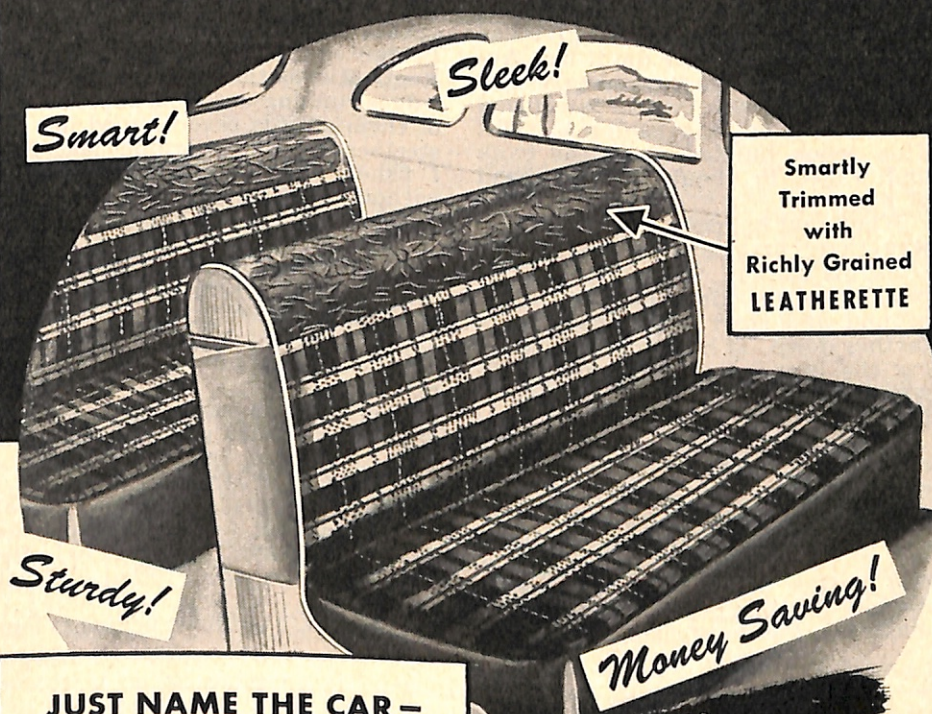
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Rod and Gun

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Without exception, if a boat came along when we were fishing a riffle the boatman either would wait until we were finished before he went through or else he would slip down along the far shore or behind us, next to the bank. Not once did one of them barge right through and put down the fish we were trying to catch. Many anglers who fish the Rogue—and a thousand other streams, as well—could take a lesson in stream manners from them.

MOST spooks are in such a hurry to get ahead of honest anglers that they don't catch very many fish. Sometimes it is possible to give one the cure. Don Harger did it last Autumn. He was using a powerful rod and heavy line, typical steelhead tackle, and he was fishing a riffle. This spook hurried down the bank and waded in about 75 feet ahead of him.

When that happens, the angler who was there first is virtually cut off from his fishing. The only thing he can do is to climb out and walk around and start again somewhere farther down. If he is just approaching the best water—and spooks always head directly for it—he can't fish it.

This time Don decided he'd stand up for his rights. He began false casting with that heavy line. He made his big, No. 2 fly whistle around the spook's ears. The spook didn't like that. He kept edging farther and farther into the water. Once in a while Don slapped his line down to make a pretense of fishing. Finally,

he crowded the spook so far that the pest slipped and fell in and got his waders full of water.

Just at that instant, believe it or not, Don hooked a five-pound steelhead, virtually out of the spook's pocket. It was a wet, mad and disgusted nuisance who crawled out on the bank to dry his clothes.

It usually doesn't work that way. Despite the fact that spooks usually are poor fishermen, they sometimes do catch one. It always was due entirely to luck, of course, but a number of times I have seen spooks catch fish from water that I had just covered without success.

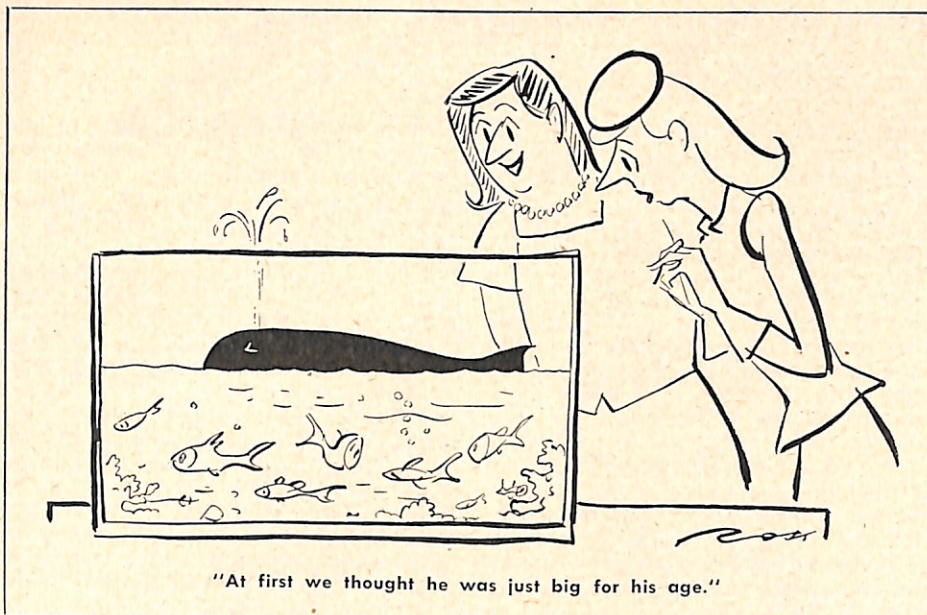
Downstream from the Robertson Bridge (I'm still talking about the Rogue River) there is a series of rock ledges running out from shore. Each of them affords several good lies for steelheads. One morning last Fall I fished down this piece of water without a touch. At the end of it, I turned around and started back up. When I was two-thirds of the way through, a spook parked his car by the bridge and scrambled down the bank. He waded in a hundred feet ahead of me, made two or three casts and hooked a four-pound fish. How revolting!

There was an especially heavy run of talking spooks on the Rogue last Fall. A talking spook uses this, or a similar, approach:

"Hello, Sport! How's tricks? Tough sledding, ain't it? Lemme see your fish. Haw! Haw! Haw! Bet you ain't got any. What fly you using?"

This idiotic outburst begins at long





range and continues rapid fire as the spook draws closer.

"Should have been here last week," he says. "They was jumping out on the rocks. I caught 23 steelheads on a No. 10 Brown Hackle after supper last Thursday night. Landed a nine-pounder right where you're standing. Hey! What kind of a rod's that? Don't look like it would handle a steelhead. You've got to have a good pole for them. Mine's a genuine Whistler."

This yammering will continue just as long as you remain within earshot. The only defense is a quick retreat.

Now, don't think I'm anti-social. I like to talk as much as anyone and, according to my wife, I usually talk far too much. When I meet an angler on the stream I enjoy exchanging a pleasant greeting. Then, after a few words of polite and sensible conversation, I prefer to continue fishing. That's what I'm there for. After all, if I wanted to spend the day listening to some moron babbling on and on I could stay home and listen to the radio.

IN ADDITION to fishing and talking spooks, there are several other varieties. Most of them are rare during the Fall steelhead run, but one does see a few. Nearly all of them come out during the summer and crawl back under cover about Labor Day. The two most obnoxious kinds are the picnic spook and the canoe paddling spook.

Now, I think it is fine for people to go on picnics. If they don't leave a litter of paper plates, pop bottles, tin cans and trash on the bank of a beautiful river, I have no quarrel with them. Those who do, however, are just as popular with me as woodticks and rattlesnakes, and I wish they'd stay at home.

As to aimless canoe paddling and boat rowing, I personally can see no justification for engaging in such labor except as a means of getting to a spot where I can catch a fish or shoot a duck. I realize, however, that

some folks do enjoy it. That is all right with me just as long as they don't paddle or row in front of decent fishermen. When they do that they are guilty of very bad manners, and I won't be held responsible if I accidentally bounce a bass plug off their silly heads.

I HAVE left until last a discussion of the most dangerous spook run on the Rogue River. All the other spooks, no matter how annoying they may be at times, really are harmless. They stand on the rocks and run up and down the banks, and they don't catch very many fish. This final spook run is more calculating and determined, and if it succeeds there will be no more steelheads and salmon in the Rogue.

These spooks are not fishermen. They are the planners of the U. S. Reclamation Service. For added power, irrigation facilities and flood control, these Federal spooks intend to construct high dams on the Rogue River. When they do, there will be no more steelheads, no more salmon, no more sea-run cutthroats. One of America's best-known rivers will be ruined for fishermen and the beautiful Rogue River Valley will have lost its chief recreational asset.

I doubt whether most residents of Oregon realize the value of the Rogue River as an attraction to that State. Ask any Easterner where Portland is, and he'll say, "Maine." Ask him the location of Mt. Hood, and he'll reply, "Somewhere out West." But ask any trout fisherman, anywhere in the United States, where the Rogue River is, and he'll say, "Oregon. And, Boy! some day I'm going to fish it."

Of course, the Rogue River is not alone in jeopardy. The Klamath, in California, likewise is to be ruined if the Bureau of Reclamation has its way. In fact, virtually every western river will be damned to destruction if the Reclamation Service and the Army Engineers are allowed to fulfill their present plans.

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A Team of Many Managers

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another year to run, Luke was fired, the club choosing to appoint a new manager, and paid Sewell through 1947 for *not* managing the Browns.

Bill McKechnie managed the other St. Louis club, the Cardinals, in 1928 and won the National League pennant. But the Cardinals lost to the Yankees in four straight games in the World Series and McKechnie was fired.

In addition to the tangible difficulties that confront a manager, such as picking, developing and shifting pitchers astutely, getting the most out of the players, defensively and at bat, the big-league manager is beset by another hazard, the whim or judgment of the club owner who may hand out a blue slip because in his opinion a job fairly well done should have been done better.

There are only two courses that must be pursued if a big-league manager is to have permanence in his job. One is to win the pennant year after year. Finishing second will not suffice if the front office is convinced that the club is the strongest in the league. The alternative is to own controlling interest in the club. Then, like Connie Mack, you can remain year in and year out, come hell, high water, the Yankees or a string of last-place finishes. As winning year after year is impossible, there is really only one sure way to have job security and that is ownership, which of course is something of a problem, too.

There are five essential qualifications for a big-league manager. To succeed you must be a keen judge of baseball talent. You must have a thorough knowledge of baseball strategy. You must be a capable disciplinarian. You must be an inspirational leader and you must be a psychologist, to the extent of knowing how to get the most out of the men at your command, when and whom to lead, when and whom to drive.

Inasmuch as knowledge of baseball comes with experience and the superiority of one batter or fielder over another can be distinguished rather easily, the more important qualifications of a manager are reduced to ones having to do with inspiration, discipline and psychology, or the know-how of leading men.

As a baseball writer through the Golden Twenties and down through the intervening years of the Cardinal Gashouse Gang, we have seen our share of managers and managerial changes. Experience has taught us that: 1. It is the team that makes the manager, and, 2. Sometimes vice versa. Q.E.D. It all depends, you never can tell and sometimes you guess right.

There must have been some good and bad guesses by the front office and a lot of good managing in St. Louis in the National League. In 22

years, from 1926 to 1947, or 22 seasons, the Cardinals have won nine pennants and six world championships and have had eight managers, one of them serving two terms. Thus there were eight individuals who directed the Cardinal forces on the field through the 22 years and only two of the eight failed to lead the club to a pennant. Yes, the two who failed were fired rather abruptly, but five of the six who did win league championships were fired too, and four of the five directed their forces to World Series triumphs. Only one of the six pennant-winning leaders has not been fired and you guessed it. He's the incumbent, Eddie Dyer, and he heard the sharpening of the axe and the swishing of the snickersnee, although in his two full seasons as leader of the Redbirds he won one pennant and World Series and finished a gallant second.

Thus, it would seem, no better observation post than St. Louis, in the National League, has been available for a laboratory or clinical analysis of big-league managing during the last two decades, and perhaps the case histories of the patients—er, managers—would be appropriate and interesting.

BEFORE the start of the 22-year period of nine pennants and six world championships, the manager of the Cardinals was the erudite Branch Rickey, now Mahatma of the confused Brooklyn Dodgers.

Rickey proved that higher education, a keen analytical mind, rare strategical savvy and dogged devotion to the job, didn't add up necessarily to success as a field general in baseball. Under his management the Cardinals finished fifth in 1923, sixth in 1924 and were floundering in May, 1925, despite Rickey's assurance to Owner Sam Breadon that the club was good enough to win.

The very assets that made Rickey a great success once he moved into the front office were liabilities when he tried to manage a team on the field. His ideas and theories were over the heads of the country bumpkins who constituted most of the playing rank-and-file. They couldn't rationalize at his pace; they became confused. Anybody in the game could learn more by studying with Branch Rickey, but the men he had to deal with were freshmen. Those studying for master's degrees went far by listening to and thinking with Rickey.

When Sam Breadon made a change he went to the remotest possible extreme. He named Rogers Hornsby manager. Rog, stepping up from the ranks, was one of the great hitters of all time. He knew baseball, but he had never seen the inside of a college. With a practical instead of a theoretical mind, with a burning

desire to win today instead of developing somebody in the minors who might help you win next year or the season after, he quickly whipped the Cardinals into a winning combination.

"Get that Thevenow here to play short for us," he told Breadon. "He ain't doing us no good in the International League. Get him up here to play short and learn about big-league baseball."

Thevenow was called from the International League farm; he played a brilliant shortstop, and the Cardinals, climbing from the bottom to fourth place that Fall, went on to win the pennant under Hornsby in 1926—the pennant and a surprise victory over a favored Yankee team in the World Series.

Hornsby was an unimaginative realist: Don't worry about yesterday; win that one today. Forget the hits you didn't get yesterday; concentrate on this time at bat, this ball game. Think and eat and sleep baseball. Get that double play, sacrifice that man along, wait out that pitcher, don't give that hitter anything good. Never mind the law of averages, the theory of psycho-physical parallelism.

Hornsby was a great manager that year, a distinct individual type, however, unlike any other of the victorious Cardinal managers. More of a driver than a leader, he always was boss. If you made four errors on consecutive chances, he'd say nothing. But if you made one mental blunder, you'd get a tongue-lashing to remember. The players didn't feel toward Hornsby as they felt at times toward other more kindly leaders, but they respected him and they knew always what he was talking about.

Many observers, including a happy Sam Breadon (until complications developed) thought Rogers would go on to become another great managerial figure like John McGraw. But the Rajah, for all his talents, never led another pennant winner.

A few weeks after his dramatic World Series victory of 1926, Hornsby was fired by Breadon. The firing was done via a trade that sent Rog to the New York Giants in exchange for Frankie Frisch and Jimmy Ring, a pitcher who had been around a long time. Why was he fired? Because, in anger, he said things to Breadon that touched Sam to the quick. He wouldn't keep an employe, even a Hornsby, who talked to him like that.

Bob O'Farrell was the next manager of the Cardinals, one of the two who didn't lead the club to a flag. Bob was a catcher and a fine one. He knew baseball. He was the best receiver we've ever seen at moving out to take a throw and then diving for a runner at the plate. He was rugged, courageous and gentle. That was the

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trouble, Bob was "too good a guy". You have to be tough, managing a ball club. Bob never said an unkind word. Actually, he never left the ranks. The club was without managerial direction. Despite all this, the club finished second and might have gone along on pennant-winning momentum had it not been for a fractured leg suffered by Thevenow.

O'Farrell's case is interesting because there have been many similar in baseball. A player is popular. He has a big name. The owner believes a club would surely play its head off for that man. But a great player, like Bob O'Farrell or Billy Herman or Bill Dickey, may turn out to be a disappointment as a field general.

Bill McKechnie succeeded O'Farrell, after serving a season as coach. Bill was a master of detail, with a keen realization of the value of experience. The inimitable Rabbit Maranville was obtained to play short; the Rabbit did a great job and the Cardinals, making a game finish in a gruelling race, won the pennant. Then, after four straight defeats in the World Series against a red-hot Yankee team, Bill was fired. Breadon's only explanation, as we remember it, was that the Cardinals looked so bad in the Series that McKechnie must have been lacking in inspirational qualities. As a matter of fact, National League managers for several years in that era found it extremely difficult, and usually impossible, to make inspiration do anything about the power and pitching of those great New York Yankee teams.

BREADON brought up Billy Southworth to manage the 1929 Cardinals, but he brooded over the wrong he had done McKechnie. He realized after long and serious deliberation that Yankee power had been the trouble that October of 1928 and in mid-season of 1929, nudged along by the fact that the club under Southworth was floundering, Sam switched horses in mid-stream, calling McKechnie back from Rochester and firing Southworth. And after the 1929 season, the Cards finishing fourth, Sam told Bill to write his own ticket for 1930. But Bill had a fine offer from Boston and so he thanked Sam for reinstated confidence and told him goodbye.

McKechnie was a good manager. He knew what every player could hit and couldn't hit. He liked veteran pitchers with control. And if they could throw where they were looking—that is, where McKechnie told them to throw—they did very well. Two such pitchers, Jim Turner and Lou Fette, threw so accurately where McKechnie told them to pitch that they had startling records with the then lowly Boston Braves. Cincinnati, looking for a leader with the magic touch, signed Bill to a lucrative contract.

Bill had all the qualifications of a good manager. He could be gentle or he could be tough. He played no favorites. His strategy was sound. And the players all liked him and

respected his managerial talent.

While he was managing the Cardinals there was a stretch where he was having difficulty as third base coach. Several base runners were thrown out at third or the plate when it seemed it would have been wiser if the red flag had been waved. We asked Bill about a particular play.

"I'll tell you about that, Roy, but this is off the record," Bill replied. "Joe didn't see my sign. But you keep on giving me hell whenever a player is thrown out. I can take it and it might upset Joe if it were disclosed that he was missing signs."

Bill is an excellent illustration of the mystery about managing. He had winners at Cincinnati and then, as so often happens, things happened and the club had to make a change. Bill went back to coaching.

Gabby Street was Sam Breadon's 1930 manager of the Cardinals. Gabby had been a great catcher in his day. He handled Walter Johnson's fire ball for a time and caught a ball dropped from the Washington Monument. After a few years of trying to burn minor-league candles at both ends he made a come-back and, at the suggestion of Blake Harper, one of Breadon's minor-league club presidents, Gabby was signed as a coach with the Cardinals. He made a favorable impression as coach under Southworth during the disappointing 1929 season and Breadon, taking a personal liking to the Old Sergeant, made him manager for the 1930 season.

The Cardinals loved the garrulous Old Sergeant Gabby. He told them stories far into the evening. He confessed that he was out of touch with the big-league picture and welcomed advice from his veteran players. He got able assistance, too. The club included Burleigh Grimes, Jimmy Wilson and Frankie Frisch, a fine board of strategy.

The Cardinals of 1930 and 1931 were an example of complete harmony. Everybody was happy, from Gabby down to the bat boy. The club won the pennant in 1930, repeated in 1931 and defeated the Athletics in the latter year in a dramatic seven-game World Series. Thus Gabby became the first Cardinal manager to win two pennants, and they were in succession.

The next Spring the Cardinals went to pot. We never saw a club get out of hand so quickly. We were having a chocolate malted in Secretary Clarence Lloyd's room in the Manatee River Hotel in Bradenton one evening late in the training period, and Lloyd asked how the Cardinals looked to us.

"Do you think the old Sec will be able to bank another check from Commissioner Landis?" he asked. The club in a World Series usually votes a full share to the traveling secretary.

"No, Clarence," we replied. "This club will be lucky to finish in the first division."

Lloyd's eyes bugged out.

"What do you mean?" he challenged indignantly.

But we knew the club was out of hand. During the 1931 World Series and through the succeeding winter, there were many newspaper stories about the great Cardinal ball club, its manager and its strategists.

It was that board of strategy stuff that irked Gabby Street.

One morning after a clubhouse meeting, early in training, Gabby confided in us.

"I told those so-and-so's," he said gleefully. "I told 'em I'd crack the whip and they'd jump. I'd make decisions and I'd take the credit. Board of strategy, my foot!"

"Gabby, you've made the biggest mistake of your life," we told him.

"Whatta you mean, mistake?" he cracked back. "I'm tired of all that board of strategy stuff. I'm manager of this ball club and I'm going to manage it."

"All right, you're the manager," we admitted. "But what is the big test? What will decide how long you manage it? You have to win, don't you?"

"Yes, I guess that's right," Gabby admitted.

We suggested that Gabby try to smooth things over, pointing out that it was glory enough to be manager of world champions. What did it matter if Frisch, or Grimes or Wilson happened to think that Orsatti ought to be sent in to run for a heavy-footed catcher in a pinch, or that a left-hander might have better luck against Chuck Klein with the score close and men on base?

THINGS were never patched up between Manager Street and the Cardinals of 1932, however. The club quickly went to pieces. We heard about the clubhouse speech from some of the men, too.

"We'll keep our so-and-so mouths shut, believe me," they muttered.

Key players were missing from the dining room many evenings during that training period. A cottage had been rented, the kitchen ice box stuffed with refreshments and a combination cook and bartender hired. The Cardinals had a long-extended party in Bradenton that Spring. But the world champions of 1931 finished in a sad tie for sixth in 1932. And all because baseball writers had given space to a board of strategy, and the part they chose to believe it played in the success of the Cardinals.

Frank Francis Frisch, the old Fordham Flash, was the man picked by Sam Breadon when he decided to change managers late in July, 1933. The Cardinals were still floundering and finished fifth that year, despite the change, but in 1934 Dizzy and Paul Dean pitched their heads and arms off and the Cardinals won the pennant in Frisch's first full year as manager. They won the World Series, too, as the Dean boys beat the Detroit Tigers twice each.

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was a good manager. He had more than the average manager's share of headaches, with the Dean brothers to handle, but he took the vicissitudes and triumphs in stride. In his early years as a field leader, Frank, a graduate of the tough McGraw school, was a bit intolerant of mediocrity. He learned later not to be so sarcastic, though he never ceased to lament over what this great game was coming to, when a player couldn't take a little tongue-lashing.

"You should have heard what John McGraw used to say to me," he would explode when we asked him not to be so tough with his players. "Why, he called me a concrete-head."

Frisch is another manager who was a great personal favorite with Sam Breadon. Sam thought he'd be another John McGraw, too, and when Branch Rickey finally did a great selling job, persuading Sam to fire Frank, there were tears in Breadon's eyes when he told us that Frank was going.

Breadon deliberated long over a successor to Frisch, after Señor Mike Gonzales filled in through the late weeks of the 1938 season. The ranks of candidates had grown thin, but finally he selected Ray Blades, who had played outfield courageously in the Hornsby era.

Blades is another illustration of the mysteries of managerial magic. One year you do; the next year you don't. Ray juggled his pitchers in 1939 and did a great job, the sixth-place club of 1938 finishing a close second in 1939. It seemed that Breadon had picked another winner.

The same Blades, however, had trouble early in 1940. The pitching staff wouldn't juggle as it had done in 1939 and when the club was far down in June, Breadon hopped into a plane, flew East and brought back Billy Southworth from Rochester.

BILLY was a find. He finished a good third in 1940, moved the club to the second spot in 1941 and

then won three straight pennants—1942, 1943 and 1944. In 1942 the Redbirds beat the Yankees four straight after dropping the first game of the World Series and in 1944 trimmed the Browns for the world title.

Southworth, a tough hombre when he tried to boss the Redbirds in 1929, had learned a lot by 1942. He had learned how to handle men, how to be interested in them and help them with their problems. Blades was one of the greatest students of baseball we ever knew. He was a master of strategy, alert, on top of every play. Southworth understood men better. The boys were delighted with their new leader and played their heads off for him.

Billy's greatest asset, in our opinion, is his ability to get the most out of his men and to get them into the best possible condition and keep them that way. He makes a time-chart at Spring training. There isn't a wasted minute. Everybody has something definite to do with every tick of the clock. As a pitcher makes his final delivery in batting practice, the next pitcher steps to the rubber and starts throwing, already warmed up.

SOUTHWORTH'S Cardinals finished second in 1945, but he still was ace-high with Breadon, with another year on his contract. He could have had a longer contract for the asking, no doubt, but the new owners of the Boston Braves, looking around for something important to go along with their money in their plan to win a pennant, decided Southworth was the man they needed. Billy almost fainted when they told him what they would pay if he could get away from St. Louis. When he recovered from this slight case of tampering he telephoned to Breadon and told him about it. Would Sam forget about the contract, so Billy could take all that dough? What could Breadon do? He didn't want an un-

happy manager. He gave Billy permission to jump.

Thus Southworth has an unusual distinction. He got his Letter F for Fired in 1929, but in his second managerial hitch he was so good that he could fire his owner and get a new one.

That brings us down to the incumbent, Eddie Dyer, the eighth Cardinal manager in 22 years. Eddie has done all right. He moved into a tough spot when he succeeded Southworth. The Cards had won three pennants and finished second in four years. Prognosticators had formed the habit of picking the Cardinals annually to win.

It was a tough road, but Dyer made it in 1946, although his club had to beat the Dodgers in the first play-off series in history to win the pennant. Then they upset a highly favored Red Sox team to become world champions.

And of course you know that Dyer was very near to being fired a year ago when Stan Musial got appendicitis and Howie Pollet developed a sore arm and Dyer couldn't do anything about it. But Musial's appendix quieted down and the club finished a brave second.

The Redbirds were flying again when this was written, off to a great start in the 1948 race. But you never can tell. That sword of Damocles was nothing compared to what hangs over a big-league manager's head. You gotta win or else.

And to sum up, let's review the Cardinal managers and see what you must and must not do.

Hornsby was fired for speaking rudely to his owner. Please learn to talk academically to the man with the money.

O'Farrell was too kind and gentle. Don't be that way except at home.

McKechnie was fired for losing four straight to the Yankees. Well, you have to show up at a World Series, don't you?

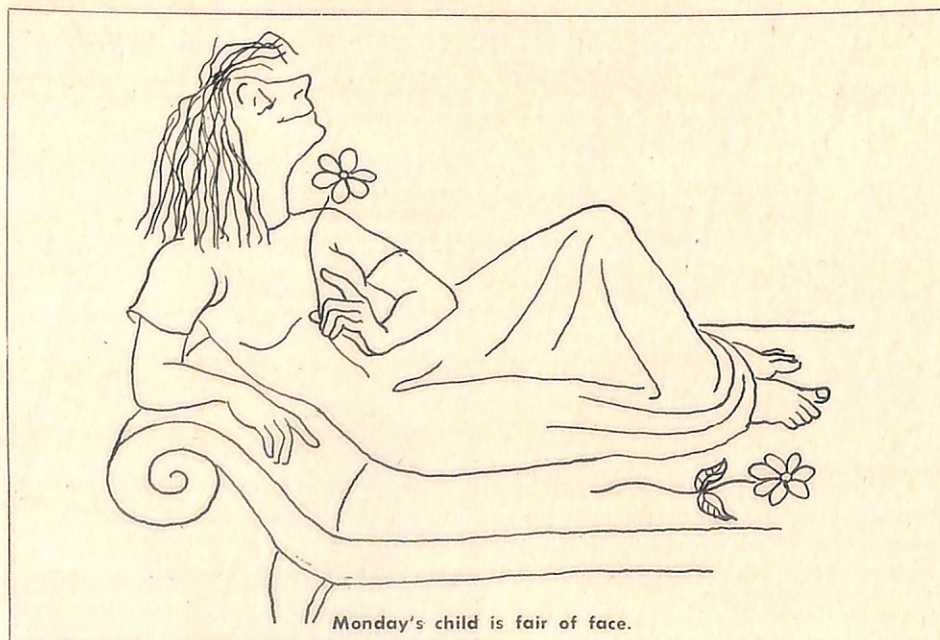
Street was fired because the club wasn't cooperating any more. Don't be perturbed about credit to your board of strategy.

Frisch was fired because the No. 2 man in the front office recommended it. Don't forget to cultivate that No. 2 man.

Blades was fired because he couldn't juggle pitchers one year as skillfully as he had the year before. Be sure you're a master juggler before you start.

Southworth wasn't fired and perhaps that's the answer. Keep your ears and your bank account open and move while the moving's good.

And as for Dyer, we don't have to worry. There's a big desk and a comfortable chair waiting for him down in the Texas oil country any time he wants them. But he probably will stick around till they fire him. That's the trouble with managing a big-league ball club. There are only 16 of those jobs, and who wouldn't grab one and hold on as long as he could?



Monday's child is fair of face.

Gadget and Gimmick Department

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SHORT of homicide, no satisfactory way has been found to stifle back-seat drivers effectively. Apparently it never occurred to anyone before to give the potential back-seat driver something to do that would keep his, or, more likely, her mind off the problem of manipulating the car. Such laudatory diversion is now accomplished with a new radio speaker that can be installed in the back of most cars and provide music to distract nervous passengers. The speaker has a three-way switch so either this speaker, the radio or both, can be operated at the same time.

MANY fishermen go out in the cold, grey dawn never to return. These strange disappearances are forever mysteries and the causes of them can only be guessed. Some of the more plausible explanations include: not catching any fish and being too ashamed ever to come home; trying to stand and cast from a delicately balanced canoe only to topple over and vanish in the foam; using a fishing trip merely as a pretext for running away with a blonde secretary. So that more fishermen will return at the close of the day, tired but happy, two new products are set forth here for your perusal. The first concerns the inability to catch any fish. This usually is caused

by not using a provocative enough lure to ensnare the fish. This new lure does everything to catch fish except promise them forty acres and a mule. It contains a capsule of bicarbonate of soda and citric acid which, when dragged through the water, gives off a tiny stream of seductive bubbles and "pops" under water for



the fish to hear and answer. It will undoubtedly assist in guiding blind or near-sighted fish to the hook, using sound instead of sight as a basis for the under-water chase. The other fisherman's friend is a set of pontoons to be fastened to the side of the canoe or duckboat. This gives the craft greater stability and per-



mits the fisherman to stand and cast without fear of drowning unnecessarily. The arms holding the pontoons are telescoped and swung inboard when nearing the dock or beach to facilitate landing, loading, etc.

What America Is Reading

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dangerous moment in England's long and stormy career; on the morrow he will step out alone upon the stage:

"I cannot conceal from the reader of this truthful account that as I went to bed at about 3 A.M., I was conscious of a profound sense of relief. At last I had the authority to give directions over the whole scene. I felt as if I were walking with Destiny, and that all my past life had been but a preparation for this hour and for this trial. Eleven years in the political wilderness had freed me from ordinary party antagonisms. My warnings over the last six years had been so numerous, so detailed, and were now so terribly vindicated, that no one could gainsay me. I could not be reproached either for making the war or with want of preparation for it. I thought I knew a good deal about it all, and I was sure I should not fail. Therefore, al-

though impatient for the morning, I slept soundly and had no need for cheering dreams. Facts are better than dreams." (Houghton, Mifflin, \$6.00)

WARPATH AND COUNCIL FIRE by Stanley Vestal

Stanley Vestal, who specializes in writing about Indians and the Old West, has outdone himself in his latest book, *Warpath and Council Fire*. This is nothing less than the entire history of our wars with the Plains Indians—a bloody struggle that ended in victory for the United States and permanent, if polite, subjugation of the aborigines who just happened to have been on this continent before us, and who were unfortunate enough, by the fact of their presence and their rather uncompromising natures, to have come be-

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tween Uncle Sam and his Manifest Destiny. But though the white man won final victory, he did not always win the battles, nor did he always comport himself as nobly or in as civilized a manner as he had pretended. Therein lies a fascinating story and one that the contemporary (white) American must read with mixed feelings.

Mr. Vestal does not scold the United States as much as some recent writers have done for the way in which the greatest land-grab in history was carried out. He even defends our aggressive forefathers with this argument: that we had "legally" acquired the Plains country by purchase from the French and by cession from the Mexicans (how did they get it, Mr. V.?), and that, in a way, the Plains tribes really had no business in that territory in the first place. As the territory in question covered just about half of the continent, and as the Indians were nomadic peoples who had to keep on the move in order to live at all, the author's logic seems a bit frail. But enough of that; there isn't much use crying over *faits accomplis*.

The war, or series of loosely connected wars, broke out, appropriately enough in the light of more recent events, at the great peace conference between the Indians and the whites which took place at Fort Laramie, Wyoming, in September, 1851. It continued for just under forty years, and, after having raged over almost the entire West, ended not far away from Fort Laramie, at the Battle of Wounded Knee. Out of the wars came some of the ringing folk stories and deathless folk heroes of the American people: Buffalo Bill, Kit Carson, General Custer and, on the Indian side, Dull Knife, Crazy Horse, Roman Nose and, of course, Sitting Bull, greatest of them all.

Of all the tribes which took part in the fighting—the Crow, the Comanches, the Blackfeet, the Flatheads, the Cheyennes, the *Gros Ventres* (Fat Bellies), the Sioux and others—the Sioux were the bravest and the most dangerous. Mr. Vestal reminds us that the only three times in our history when an American military force has been completely wiped out by an enemy, each time has been at the hands of the Sioux. Though in the end they were beaten, primarily because the whites had systematically killed off the buffalo which were the Indians' commissary, the Sioux stand as one of the most intrepid bands of fighting men in the annals of warfare. Poor, vastly outnumbered, badly armed and not too well trained in gun-warfare (they could not afford extra ammunition for target practice; every bullet they could buy or steal had to be reserved for more serious work), the Sioux were the Spartans of the Indian wars. Let us at least do them that honor.

The author packs his story in tightly, yet skimps on nothing. Here are all the thrice- and thrice-again-told tales of the bad old days—Custer's Last Stand, the Fort Kearney

Massacre, the heroic and tragic suicide-charge of Dull Knife, and all the rest, painted in vivid colors. The book is illustrated with rare and interesting photographs of the battlefields and some of the chief Indian actors in the final Indian drama. It is great stuff. (Random House, \$3.50)

THE CONQUEST OF MEXICO (Abridged Edition)

Although there is always something suspect about abridging classics (I think it should be forbidden, for instance, to go around "digesting" the Bible and Shakespeare; nobody's *that* good), I must say that two shortened versions of highly regarded books which have appeared recently seem pretty successful. One is Prescott's *The Conquest of Mexico*, now cut down and streamlined for the modern reader by Marshall McClintock. Here, of course, is one of the chief ornaments of our culture, a book every American should read in full. The only trouble is, however, that they don't; the book is awfully long, awfully detailed and, it must be conceded, often verbose. Mr. McClintock has done a masterly job. He hasn't violated Prescott's original; he has put it into a more freely-flowing form and has modernized some of the old-fashioned phraseology in the interests of clarity. It now reads as a straight historical narrative of the exploits of that magniloquent adventurer, Hernando Cortés, and is a tale of savagery, treachery, greed and lust for power—and of human courage and endurance—that makes all historical fiction pale to nothing. If this condensed version restores Prescott to the public he deserves, it will amply vindicate Mr. McClintock for his scissors work. (Julian Messner, \$5.00)

REBEL RAIDER by Captain Raphael Semmes

The other book which has come under the editorial surgeon's knife is not a classic, properly speaking. (Some day, incidentally, I'd like to see a water-tight definition of a classic, properly speaking.) The long-winded memoirs of Captain Raphael Semmes of the Confederate States Navy make no pretension to great literature. Still, there are historically-minded purists who might cavil at what Harpu Allen Gosnell has done to the captain's book. He has taken the voluminous account of the cruise of the *C.S.S. Sumter*, the

first and most daring of the Southern blockade runners and commerce raiders, and tightened it up in a normalized volume, retaining all the original author's words. The book now bears the title, *Rebel Raider*. Captain Semmes who reveals himself as a man of parts, commanded both the *Sumter* and her successor, the *Alabama*. For nearly three years, he terrorized the high seas and ended by driving the enemy off the surface of the water. In six months, the *Sumter* captured eighteen ships, causing incalculable damage to the North and, by the simple fact that she was known to be on the loose, forced the United States Government to tie up most of its vessels in neutral waters. Although the captain was not a conscious artist in words, he wrote clearly and picturesquely, as so many sea-captains seem able to do, and his story is real-life adventure as well as first-hand history. (Chapel Hill, \$3.75)

THE OUTER EDGES by Charles Jackson

If Charles Jackson doesn't look out, he is going to be known as a one-book man. His newest novel, it seems to me, is a little less impressive than *The Fall of Valor*, which succeeded *The Lost Weekend*, and both, it goes without saying, are well below the high standard set by that memorable first novel.

The Outer Edges is a novel with a large and juicy central theme, but a theme which never quite takes on a convincing meaning. This story of a brutal murder, committed by a moronic adolescent upon two little girls, is supposed to show us how near the brink of criminality we all are, did we but know it. An interesting thesis, maybe, in the hands of a psychoanalyst, or in the hands of a Dostoevsky, but not a very judicious selection as a peg to hang an otherwise slick-fiction novel on. Mr. Jackson keeps his murderer pretty much in the background, giving him just as much attention as is necessary to establish him as the causative agent. He focuses the story, in a highly expert cinematographic manner, on the effect of the crime on several characters upon whom, through newspaper publicity and more or less personal contact, the crime reacts. Right away he weakens his central idea by choosing people who are mentally disturbed, for one reason or another, before they ever hear of the murder—people, in other words, who were going to be influenced by some external happening anyway. There are good things in the book—the description of a domestic crisis in the home of a high-powered advertising man, and the quick sketch of a neurotic slum child who, under the sway of a tabloid newspaper's treatment of the murder of the little girls, causes a good deal of mischief by falsely accusing an innocent old man of molesting her. The story has pace and action and all that, but to me it just didn't come off. (Rinehart, \$2.75)



Elk Newsletter

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The Office is careful to point out, however, that the figure also includes "part of the expense of entertainment and other service charges in establishments where a separate charge is not made for such items". Anyway you look at it, it was fun.



Uncle Sam took in about \$2.3 billion of the total liquor expenditure in taxes during the year. The amount almost exactly equals the sum he laid out in grants and loans to foreign countries in the last quarter of the year alone. It is less than the \$2.5 billion he has advanced for similar purposes in the first quarter of 1948. As a matter of fact, Government loans and grants to foreign countries doubled in the first quarter of this year as compared with the final quarter of 1947. The operation of the Interim-Aid Program for France, Italy and Austria accounted primarily for the increase. Further increase can be expected from disbursements under the European Recovery Program.



Publicly reported cash dividend disbursements by U.S. corporations are on the decline--they were down three per cent in the last month for which figures are available, although the total for the first three months of the year stood 13 per cent above the \$1,079,500,000 distributed in the same period of 1947.



America's dairy farmers seem to be all set for the rest of 1948. Noting that the domestic demand for milk and dairy products will continue very high, at least through the rest of the year and that this will be supplemented by moderate export demand, the Department of Agriculture asserts that this "adds up to record prices for farmers through most of the remainder of 1948".

Another encouraging report also comes from the farm front. Operators of rural powers systems financed by the Rural Electrification Administration purchased at wholesale the "unprecedented" total of 3,082,267,051 kilowatt-hours of electricity during the fiscal year ended last June 30, the Department of Agriculture reports.

In the Doghouse

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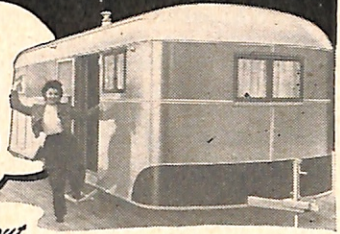
water will frequently correct the condition. There are also many varieties of medicines sold in your drug store, designed to take care of this trouble, and, of course, there are preparations made to check dog dysentery.

Doctors agree that the causes of the common cold in humans are so many that it is difficult to determine the chief reason and that there is no known absolute cure. The same holds true for dogs. All we know is that one of the greatest common causes is

unusual exposure to cold dampness. Dry cold itself is endured very well by most dogs and unbelievably well by those known as the Arctic breeds. Perhaps one of the most common causes of canine colds is lack of thorough drying after the dog has had its bath. By the way, after Fido has been tubbed, he should be dried thoroughly right down to his BVD's, and not permitted to lie around where there is a draft. He should be encouraged to romp and play for a time

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in order to stimulate his circulation.

What are the symptoms of a cold in a dog? One might be an unusually wet nose, which in time becomes clogged, making it difficult for the dog to breathe. The dog may rub its nose with its paw. Other forms of pulmonary disorders, bronchial or even pneumonia, are subjects for your vet's treatment and not for home doctoring. Either of these afflictions is too serious for home practice. The chief symptoms are labored breathing and extreme listlessness. For a simple head cold, you can use one of those soft-nosed rubber syringes and spray the inside of the dog's snout with a mixture of a half-pint of warm boiled water to which a quarter-teaspoonful of salt has been added. Sponging the outside of the nose with the same solution is helpful. In the event of any eruption on or inside the nose, swab the schnozzle with vaseline or zinc oxide ointment. Make the swab a pad of absorbent cotton. If this simple treatment doesn't get results within a few days, you'd better bring your dog to a vet because one of the symptoms of dangerous diseases such as distemper, bronchitis and pneumonia closely resembles a symptom of a common cold.

Occasionally dogs will acquire wounds or skin openings, and for these an antiseptic such as a teaspoonful of boric acid to one-half glass of water is effective, or you can get from your druggist a two per cent solution of creolin, or lysol, or iodine,

or any antiseptic coal tar product. Ordinary table salt dissolved in water, or epsom salts thus dissolved, are good light antiseptics. The wound should be painted or swabbed with the antiseptic. You'll find alum dissolved in water is both antiseptic and conducive to stopping the flow of blood.

THE hot summer months are often referred to as "dog days" and are considered a period when dogs are more likely to get fits or rabies than at any other time of the year. Actually, statistics show that dogs go off their trolleys just as often during the cold months as they do during the warm season. That old phrase, "dog days", actually has nothing to do with Fido's health, as I have pointed out several times in this department. The explanation is that centuries ago in ancient Egypt when the overflow of the river Nile was a vital necessity to insure food crops, that overflow always occurred with the rise in the skies of the star, Sirius, which became known as the dog star. The Egyptians, along with other ancients, worshipped the dog and ascribed the rise of the waters to the influence of that particular star.

True enough, many dogs do get fits in the summertime. Sometimes this is due to nerve shock, frequently on the part of ownerless dogs who don't get enough water, or simply to undue heat. Now, in a common fit the dog will race around violently and possibly foam at the mouth. Well, all that

pooch needs is rest and quiet. If your dog has a fit, don't you have one. Shoo the dog into a darkened room or your cellar and keep it there until the fit runs its course. Applying cold water to the dog's head will help, but don't throw the water. Try to hold the dog and bathe its head with a sopping cloth. If the fit persists, you should call your vet. If bitten by a dog during such a spasm, don't imagine all the horrors of hydrophobia because the bite of a dog in the course of a simple fit is no more dangerous than any other similar wound requiring antiseptic dressing and subsequent cleanliness. However, if there is any suspicion of rabies, the bitten person had better go to his doctor immediately.

If your dog gets burned or scalded, wash the injured area clean with water and apply boric acid and vaseline, lard or raw linseed oil. Cold tea is also helpful, because of the action of the tannic acid in the tea.

If your dog chokes while swallowing an object, probe its throat with your finger as far down as possible. Pour mineral oil in its throat and rub the throat to help the dog expel the object.

If the dog happens to swallow poison, give it bicarbonate of soda or soap and water. If you know what type of poison it is and happen to know that it is caustic (one that burns the mouth and throat) do not induce the dog to vomit. No matter what the poison, rush the dog to the vet immediately.

It's a Man's World

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so they cool all of it. Then add a layer of ice cubes to the top and let stand for three chilling hours, adding ice if necessary.

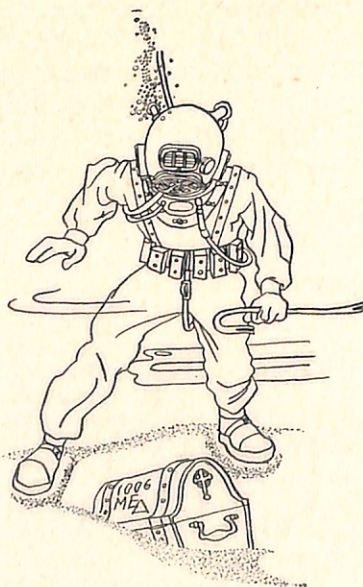
When they are good and cold drain off all the water. Prepare a mixture of three cups of distilled white vinegar, five cups of sugar, a tablespoon of celery seed and one of tumeric and two tablespoons of mustard seed. Pour this over the cucumber slices and bring to a boil. Don't cook it. When they boil they're done. Put into sterilized jars, lay them away so the pickling process can work a month or so and you've got eight pint jars of the best bread and butter pickles this side of 1890.

BUT a man can't live on bread and butter pickles alone and for that tired, five P.M. feeling when it seems imperative to help life along a little with a martini or maybe a highball, there are a variety of new and munchable tidbits to supplement the regular cocktail diet of peanuts, popcorn and pretzels.

There is some question about the precise function of these cocktail teasers. A few people hold that their job is to absorb the drink; to fuse with the alcohol in some magic chemical reaction that will permit a glow and nothing more. For this purpose

—a purely clinical function—a handful of corn meal would do as well as anything. Expensive and delectable concoctions are wasted.

Another theory suggests—and this is the one I subscribe to—that their purpose is simply to keep your



appetite from jumping out of your throat and biting your hostess. Those who agree will want something more than an absorbent and to them I recommend a properly salted parched corn which guests can and do grasp by the hands full, popping the kernels into their mouths between sentences and drinks. There is also a new variety of cheese confection from New Orleans which makes last year's varieties seem as bland as a 1916 movie vamp. It is air-filled but resists any tendency to become limp in damp weather and provides, along with a touch of cheese, a number of flavors I have yet to identify. In fact, so far I can't stop eating them long enough to tell what the heck they really taste like.

The newest tidbit, though, is a Thing from, of all places, upstate New York. I call it Thing advisedly because I don't know how else to identify French-fried bacon rind and that's what this stimulating confection is, no more, no less. At any rate it is delicious and I defy any uncoached guest to identify it in less than ten guesses by which time supper will be ready and the whole thing forgotten.

Please pass that big dish of bread and butter pickles.

News of the Order

THE GRAND LODGE

Convention

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July, 1948



OPENING SESSION

ON SUNDAY, July 4, the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks held its 1948 Session in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa. It was fitting that this great conclave should be held both on that particular day and in that particular city, known both as the Cradle of Liberty and the City of Brotherly Love. It was also in Philadelphia that the first offspring of the Mother Lodge, New York Lodge, No. 1, was born, and is now known as Philadelphia Lodge, No. 2.

In a dynamic address to the enthusiastic audience attending the opening session of the Order's 84th meeting, retiring Grand Exalted Ruler Lafayette A. Lewis brought to a climax his unending fight for the preservation of free government and the American way of life.

The great ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford was lavishly decorated with gladioli and oak leaves, in urns fashioned in the shape of huge golden eagles. The stage was hung in gold satin and massed with thirteen American Flags, one for each of the original colonies. Bowls of red roses were in evidence.

The opening session began with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by Miss Beverly Bowser, a lovely young soprano soloist, and the invocation then was delivered by the Right Rev. Monsignor Hubert J. Cartwright, the rector of the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul. The program chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, delivered the greeting of welcome. The address of Mr. Grakelow, who is a speaker nationally known, was received with enthusiasm. The well-loved Past Grand Exalted Ruler then introduced the tenor soloist, Ettore Manieri, who sang "Thine Alone" from Herbert's "Eileen". Mr. Manieri is the young tenor who won the contest for "The Voice of Tomorrow".

Mr. Joseph Gorodetzer rendered the "Liebeslied", Kreisler's famous violin solo, and then the Elks Male Chorus of Hanover, Pa., Lodge, No. 763, sang a medley of familiar airs, led by Director Paul Wooster. Miss Bowser's lyric soprano next was heard in Gounod's "Ave Maria".

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Grand Exalted Ruler Lafayette A. Lewis. Among the many stirring remarks made by him were the following:

NEVER did I realize when I was a young boy studying my American history in a little town near the Pacific Ocean that I would ever have the priceless privilege of standing in the City of Brotherly Love, in the great commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as the leader of almost one million American Elks.

"As we meet here today, I feel the spiritual presence of those who had the fortitude and courage to announce our freedom. I feel their great spirits adding a note of heavenly harmony to the chorus of "Auld Lang Syne", and breathing a note of hope and courage in the troubled times that now beset the nation they founded—adding a sterner note of warning that we be watchful and alert and militant to preserve this government based upon the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. And so, with great reverence, and great humility, I bring to you, the signers of the Declaration of Independence, framers of the Constitution of the United States, the report of our stewardship, affecting the liberties, privileges and rights which you solemnly entrusted to us.

"To you, our Founding Fathers, I say that the Order of Elks is a tolerant Order of men and it practices brotherly love in its truest conception. We draw no distinction between rich or poor, between Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant, between Republican and Democrat. Our members, with an abiding faith in God, are endeavoring to the best of their ability to make this nation, that you brought forth upon this earth, a better place. We succor the unfortunate; we help the weak and the poor. We help to cure crippled children and crippled adults that they may walk again. We care for the tuberculous and we aid them to grow strong and to become well again. We offer to poor but brilliant young boys and girls a chance for an education that will permit them

to compete on even terms in the battle of life.

"We say to you that we have not forgotten our veterans in hospitals, the men who suffered and sacrificed so that the liberties envisioned and enunciated by you shall not perish from this earth.

We are proud to say to you that our subordinate lodges during this year have contributed approximately six million dollars in worthwhile charitable and community projects and that less than one-tenth thereof has been expended upon our own members and their families.

"We have endeavored to preserve and make more sacred to all the citizens of our country those documents emblematic of freedom conceived and enunciated by you.

"When the Freedom Train, carrying the handiwork of your great hands and minds went about our country, those whose only allegiance is to a foreign system of government attempted in every possible manner to discredit that Freedom Train and its historic documents and tried to prevent its purpose of rededicating all Americans to the American conception of freedom. We are proud to say that no man may enter our ranks unless he is an American citizen, and that we backed that Freedom Train and helped to accomplish its purpose of teaching the people of America to respect and revere what you conceived.

"We, as Elks, have realized that in the Youth of America lies the possibility of the future. This year we have inspired our subordinate lodges to sponsor, advise, assist and encourage Boy Scouts in a degree immensely greater than ever before. Hundreds of subordinate lodges have sponsored troops of youngsters chosen from those unfortunate children who have never had a fair chance.

"We regret to report to you that there are many in this wonderful land of ours who have in recent years, by chicanery and deceit, introduced into our schools books which have caused our children to doubt your wisdom and foresight. These books are written in a manner to cause doubt and distrust of our form of

government. We are proud to report to you that we are alive to this dangerous situation. We are awakening the people of America to the insidious teachings that have existed in some localities and we have inspired a movement that already has done much to drive from our public educational system any teachings tending to desecrate your handiwork.

"For generations there came to this beloved land of ours, men and women seeking a haven where they might live and love and prosper under the form of free government that you established. Of late years, there have come to our shores men who sought not the happiness that is ours in America, but, filled with hatred in their hearts, came as agents and emissaries of a despicable foreign system of government whose every act, legal or illegal, has tended to poison the minds of the loyal people of the United States against the American system of government.

"The Elks of the United States of America are informing the American people that they must choose today whether they wish to remain free citizens, faithful to the government established by you, our Founding Fathers, or whether they wish to subscribe to a form of government patterned after the constitution of communist Russia.

"We say to you, oh, Founding Fathers of our country, and the Order of Elks says to Marshal Stalin, and Molotov and Vishinsky, that we shall not lose faith in the form of government which you so wisely gave us; that we shall not surrender to communistic conspiracies in the United States. We assure you that we will root out and destroy any treason here at home which may dream of bringing world revolution into the United States. We assure you, our Founding Fathers, that the Elks of America are alert and vigilant, that we cherish the freedom we enjoy and the land in which free initiative always has been properly rewarded.

"The Elks believe that we enjoy under the government you gave us greater economic security and more material satisfaction and spiritual freedom than any other people on the face of the globe. We promise you that we will demonstrate to the people of America that we intend to preserve the precious rights you gave to us. Yes! Preserve for our children and grandchildren the right of free speech, the right of free initiative, the right to worship God as we see fit, the right of franchise and the right to be tried by a jury of our peers. These rights have been taken from millions of the peoples of this world, but they shall never be taken from vigilant and awakened Americans."

A cello and harp duet was next heard as part of the musical selections on this varied program. Messrs. Joseph Vetere and Samuel Amorosi played "The Swan" by Saint Saens, and they were followed by another duet when Miss Bowser and Mr. Manieri sang "Sweethearts" from Romberg's "Maytime".

A further serious note was struck when Dr. Louis Wolsey, rabbi of the Rodeph Shalom Congregation, delivered a moving exhortation to faith. Etore Manieri then sang Fred Waring's

arrangement of "This is My Country".

In conclusion, acknowledgments were made by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow, and the benediction was given by Rev. Robert M. Baur, Vice-Rector of Christ Episcopal Church. The audience retired with a recession.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

THE first business session of the 84th meeting of the Grand Lodge opened at 9:30 Monday morning, July 5, in the Bellevue-Stratford Ballroom. Grand Esquire Max Slepín, of Philadelphia Lodge, opened the proceedings, after which an invocation was delivered by Grand Chaplain J. B. Dobbins, Temple, Tex., Lodge, No. 138. The Indiana State Elks Association Chanters sang a medley of selections, followed by a ballad dedicated to Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis which was inspired by the Whiffenpoof Song.

Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis then presented to the assemblage his fellow officers.

Mr. Lewis expressed it as a rewarding and unusual experience to have all twenty-four of the living Past Grand Exalted Rulers present at the opening business session. When these gentlemen had been escorted in by the Grand Esquire and ascended the platform, he praised them all impartially and introduced each of them to the gathering. They were in order of seniority: Raymond Benjamin, Napa, Calif., Lodge, No. 832; James R. Nicholson, Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61; Edward Rightor, New Orleans, La., Lodge, No. 30; Bruce A. Campbell, East St. Louis, Ill., Lodge, No. 664; J. Edgar Masters, Charleroi, Pa., Lodge, No. 494; James G. McFarland, Watertown, S. D., Lodge, No. 838; William Hawley Atwell, Dallas, Tex., Lodge, No. 71; Charles H. Grakelow, Philadelphia, Pa., Lodge, No. 2; John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass., Lodge, No. 61; Murray Hulbert, New York, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1; John R. Coen, Sterling, Col., Lodge, No. 1336; Floyd E. Thompson, Moline, Ill., Lodge, No. 556; Michael F. Shannon, Los Angeles, Cal., Lodge, No. 99; James T. Hallinan, Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878; David Sholtz, Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge, No. 1141; Charles Spencer Hart, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Lodge, No. 842; Dr. Edward J. McCormick, Toledo, O., Lodge, No. 53; Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., Lodge, No. 779; John S. McClelland, Atlanta, Ga., Lodge, No. 78; E. Mark Sullivan, Boston, Mass., Lodge, No. 10; Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, Ore., Lodge, No. 142; Dr. Robert S. Barrett, Alexandria, Va., Lodge, No. 758; Wade H. Kepner, Wheeling, W. Va., Lodge, No. 28, and Charles E. Broughton, Sheboygan, Wis., Lodge, No. 299.

Mr. Lewis next introduced former Postmaster General James A. Farley, who came up to the platform in the midst of an ovation.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then read a letter from President Harry S. Truman, the contents of which appear on page 1 of this issue. President Truman's letter received applause.

After reading this message, Mr. Lewis introduced the Board of Grand Trustees: John E. Drummey, Chairman, Seattle, Wash., Lodge, No. 92; George I.

Hall, Vice-Chairman and Secretary, Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1515; Sam Stern, Approving Member, Fargo, N. D., Lodge, No. 260; Hugh W. Hicks, Home Member, Jackson, Tenn., Lodge, No. 192; Howard R. Davis, Williamsport, Pa., Lodge, No. 173.

Mr. Lewis spoke warmly of Mr. Drummey's presence, saying that against the express orders of his doctor he had made the long trip across the country to be present at this 84th Session of the Grand Lodge.

On behalf of the Credentials Committee, it was reported that 1,910 Grand Lodge delegates were already present in Philadelphia.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then introduced members from distant lodges, including those in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Canal Zone. It developed that District Deputy Thomas J. Wolff, of Manila Lodge, was also present in the ballroom and at the Grand Exalted Ruler's request he was escorted to the platform and made a brief and touching address to the audience, expressing the gratitude felt by Manila Elks for the generous aid which has been given them by the Grand Lodge for the rehabilitation of the Manila Lodge home which had been destroyed by the Japanese during the recent war.

Mr. Lewis then announced that the Reports of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer and the Board of Grand Trustees had already been printed and were on hand. It was moved and seconded that these Reports be accepted as written. (Excerpts from these Reports appear elsewhere in this issue.)

Mr. Hugh W. Hicks, of the Board of Grand Trustees, then gave a preliminary report of the budget, which was accepted and filed.

At this juncture, the Grand Exalted Ruler took over to announce the appointment of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon to the Elks National Memorial Publication for a period of five years. He also reappointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan to the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, and reappointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow to the Board of Trustees of the Elks National Foundation for a period of seven years.

Mr. Lewis next appointed John E. Mullen, of Providence, R. I., Lodge, No. 14, to the Grand Forum; and Judge John F. Scileppi, of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878, as Pardon Commissioner for this session. He then appointed Past Grand Exalted Rulers Dr. Edward J. McCormick and Charles H. Grakelow as a committee for the memorial service which, it was announced, would be held at the conclusion of the third business session, Wednesday, July 7.

Nominations were then in order for the election of Grand Lodge officers for the following year. Mr. Lewis recognized Judge Norman F. Lent, Exalted Ruler of Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1515, who in an eloquent and forceful speech nominated George I. Hall of Lynbrook Lodge, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, as leader of the Order for the year 1948-1949, saying

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that all of Mr. Hall's activities in his previous life had indicated his deep-seated Americanism, and citing his high regard for free government, his loyalty and personal integrity. Judge Lent forcefully recommended Mr. Hall for the highest office in the Order.

The nomination was seconded by F. E. Dayton, of Salinas, Calif., Lodge, No. 614. Mr. Hall was unanimously elected and then was escorted to the platform by Judges Hallinan and Lent and Past Grand Est. Lead. Knight Dayton. He then received a tremendous ovation and the biggest demonstration seen in any Grand Lodge Session. The New York State Elks Association was out in full force, with bands, placards and huge bunches of red roses. His speech of acceptance was received with vociferous acclaim and unparalleled enthusiasm. During the course of his speech, which appears on pages 4 and 5, Mr. Hall interpolated a great tribute to Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees John E. Drummey, saying that over the violent protests of his doctor, Mr. Drummey had made the arduous trip to Philadelphia, declaring that, "even if it was the last thing he ever did he was going to see his best friend elected Grand Exalted Ruler".

The next order of business was the nomination of the Grand Esteemed Leading Knight. Mr. Lewis recognized A. W. Crane, of Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge, No. 335, who warmly recommended the

nomination of his friend, M. H. Starkweather, Tucson, Ariz., Lodge, No. 385. The nomination was duly seconded and Mr. Starkweather was unanimously elected.

Upon recognition by the Grand Exalted Ruler, D. Staton Inscoc, P.E.R. of Raleigh, N. C., Lodge, No. 735, rose to nominate for Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight B. A. Whitmire, of Hendersonville, N. C., Lodge, No. 1616, former member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee. This nomination was seconded and the members of the Grand Lodge elected Mr. Whitmire unanimously.

O. J. Fisher, of Greeley, Col., Lodge, No. 809, received the important post of Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight. He was nominated by N. E. H. Smith, of Greeley Lodge, and, the nomination being seconded, Mr. Fisher was unanimously elected.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow then took the floor to nominate a candidate for Grand Secretary. To the surprise of no one, Mr. Grakelow in a short and witty speech presented the name of J. Edgar Masters for re-election to this highly important office. His motion was seconded on all sides and the perennial Grand Secretary succeeded himself in office.

P.E.R. C. E. Thompson, of Frankfort, Ind., followed Mr. Grakelow to the floor with an eloquent nomination of Joseph B. Kyle, of Gary, Ind., Lodge, No. 1152,

to succeed himself to the office of Grand Treasurer. After the seconding of the nomination, Mr. Kyle was elected to office amid acclaim.

In the absence of P.D.D. A. V. Delmore of Two Rivers, Wis., Lodge, No. 138, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan nominated P.E.R. Andrew W. Parnell of Appleton, Wis., Lodge, No. 337, former member of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee, as Grand Tiler. On the seconding of this nomination, Mr. Parnell was elected to this office, with the obvious approval of the delegates.

The next nomination was that for Grand Inner Guard. Coming from San Juan, Puerto Rico, Lodge, No. 972, P.E.R. A. J. Perrone in a moving speech proposed the name of P.E.R. C. W. Siegmund, of San Juan Lodge. He explained that if his candidate was elected to office he would be the first Elk from Puerto Rico to hold high office in the Grand Lodge. Mr. Siegmund's nomination was immediately seconded and he was unanimously elected Grand Inner Guard.

Mr. Lewis next recognized D.D. Byron J. Jones, Park City, Utah, Lodge, No. 734, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to the Board of Grand Trustees for a term of five years. Mr. Jones warmly advocated the election of Grand Est. Lead. Knight Douglas E. Lambourne, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge, No. 85, for this office. The nom-



Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Hall receives enthusiastic demonstration.

ination being duly seconded, Mr. Lam-bourne was elected.

At this juncture, P.E.R. Dr. John B. Floyd, of Richmond, Ky., Lodge, No. 581, nominated Past Grand Tiler Arnold B. Westermann, Louisville, Ky., Lodge, No. 8, to fill out the unexpired term of Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Hall on the Board of Grand Trustees. This nomination was seconded and unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge.

As the last order of business of this first session J. C. Travis, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a resolution that the choice of the convention city for the 1949 Grand Lodge Session be left to the discretion of the Trustees and the Grand Exalted Ruler. The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded and unanimously approved.

A benediction by the Grand Chaplain ended the session.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

THE next important conference of the Grand Lodge was opened Tuesday morning by Grand Chaplain Dobbins with an invocation which was followed by the Report of the Grand Lodge Distributions Committee by Dr. N. H. Feder, of Belleville, Ill., Lodge, No. 481. This report was adopted.

The next order of business was the Report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, presented by the Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell. (Excerpts from this Report appear elsewhere in this issue.) Mr. Campbell moved that the Report be adopted as read, and the motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The Grand Exalted Ruler next recog-

nized Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley to deliver his Report on the Elks National Foundation. Mr. Malley had no sooner started to speak than he was interrupted by the blare of Philadelphia Lodge's uniformed band and the Glee Club of Hanover, Pa., Lodge, who escorted into the ballroom Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow. Mr. Malley gracefully yielded the floor to Mr. Grakelow, who then introduced Pennsylvania State President Regis Maloney, who in turn introduced the co-chairmen of the Foundation work of the Pennsylvania lodges, Ralph Robinson and Lee Donaldson; also Grand Trustee Howard R. Davis, F. J. Schrader, Assistant to Grand Secretary Masters, and District Deputies George L. Edwards, William B. Forsythe, Thomas F. Burke, Jr., Richard White, L. A. McKenzie, and C. D. Bixler, and State Trustee Earl Pitzer.

Mr. Grakelow gave a stirring talk recounting the work of the Pennsylvania Elks in raising funds for the Elks National Foundation (Mr. Grakelow is a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees). In concluding his talk he announced that the Pennsylvania Elks had pledged that State's lodges and members to the amount of \$460,000 for the Foundation. His announcement brought the audience to its feet in a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm.

Mr. Grakelow challenged Mr. Lewis next year to equal this amount by the contributions of the California lodges and members, and the Grand Exalted Ruler, promptly taking up the gauntlet, declared that, "What Pennsylvania can do exceedingly well, California can do better."

Mr. Malley then introduced Approving Member Sam Stern of the Board of Grand Trustees, who, in behalf of the North Dakota State Association, pledged \$50,000 to the Foundation from his State. California State President Earl Williams next came to the microphone with the announcement that he had, upon hearing of Pennsylvania's drive for funds two months before this Grand Lodge Session, determined to follow the same course. In less than sixty days, he announced, \$20,000 had been raised, and he thereupon presented that sum to Mr. Malley. Vallejo, Calif., Lodge, No. 559, also presented a check for \$1,000, as did Richmond, Calif., Lodge, No. 1251.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Hawley Atwell presented to Mr. Malley a check for \$100 from John Smart, of Dallas, Tex., Lodge, No. 71. Other personal contributions from Dallas Lodge members amounted to \$220.

Still other contributions received by the Foundation were: Chicago (North), Ill., Lodge, No. 1666, \$868; Odessa, Tex., Lodge, No. 1630, \$265; New Bedford, Mass., Lodge, No. 73, \$357.50; North Attleboro, Mass., Lodge, No. 1011, \$150; Taunton, Mass., Lodge, No. 150, \$125; Missoula, Mont., Lodge, No. 383, \$1,000; the Michigan State Elks Association, \$500. California State Elks Association also pledged \$18,000.

Mr. Malley then continued with his Report. After a moving exhortation to the assemblage, he made the motion that the printed Report of the Foundation Trustees be accepted. The motion being seconded, it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Malley then made the following important announcement to the Grand Lodge:

"Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert S. Barrett, a member of our Board of Elks National Foundation Trustees, and his wife, Viola T. Barrett, have created an irrevocable trust known as the Barrett Foundation, which they have incorporated under the laws of the State of Virginia. They have turned over to this corporation money and property amounting to one million dollars, in trust, for charitable, benevolent and educational purposes for a period of thirty years. The present income of the trust, amounting to \$30,000 per annum, and the future income is to be distributed by the Trustees of the Barrett Foundation, in their discretion, for the purposes of the trust. At the expiration of thirty years, the trust is to be dissolved and the Trustees of the Barrett Foundation are directed by the terms of the trust instrument to turn over to the Elks National Foundation Trustees one-half of the then principal fund of the Barrett Foundation. This exceedingly generous gift of Brother Barrett and his wife should enrich the Elks National Foundation to the extent of at least \$500,000.

"We are grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Barrett" Mr. Malley said, "for their bountiful gift and for the enthusiastic interest in the Elks National Foundation which prompted them to make such disposition of their property. We hope that others who are able to do so will emulate their great generosity."

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow announcing the pledge of \$460,000 by the Pennsylvania Elks to the Elks National Foundation.

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asked Dr. Barrett, who was on the platform, to stand. The munificence of Dr. Barrett's action called for a standing ovation on the part of the delegates.

Mr. Malley then yielded the floor to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin, who delivered the Supplementary Report of the Elks National Foundation concerning its scholarship awards. (This Report will appear with pictures of the scholarship winners in the September issue of the Magazine.) During the course of the reading of his Report, Mr. Benjamin introduced to the assemblage the top boy winner of the scholarship awards, Walter Michael Firra, of Herkimer, New York. Young Mr. Firra, in a few well-chosen words, expressed his gratitude to the Order, saying that he found it trying to wait until he was twenty-one when he, too, could become a member of the Order. Mr. Lewis capped this remark by seating Mr. Firra in the Grand Exalted Ruler's own chair.

Mr. Benjamin next introduced Katherine L. White, of Collingswood, N. J., the top winner among the young ladies who participated in the Foundation's scholarship contest. This charming young lady also acknowledged the award with grace and poise. Each winner received a scholarship award of \$700.

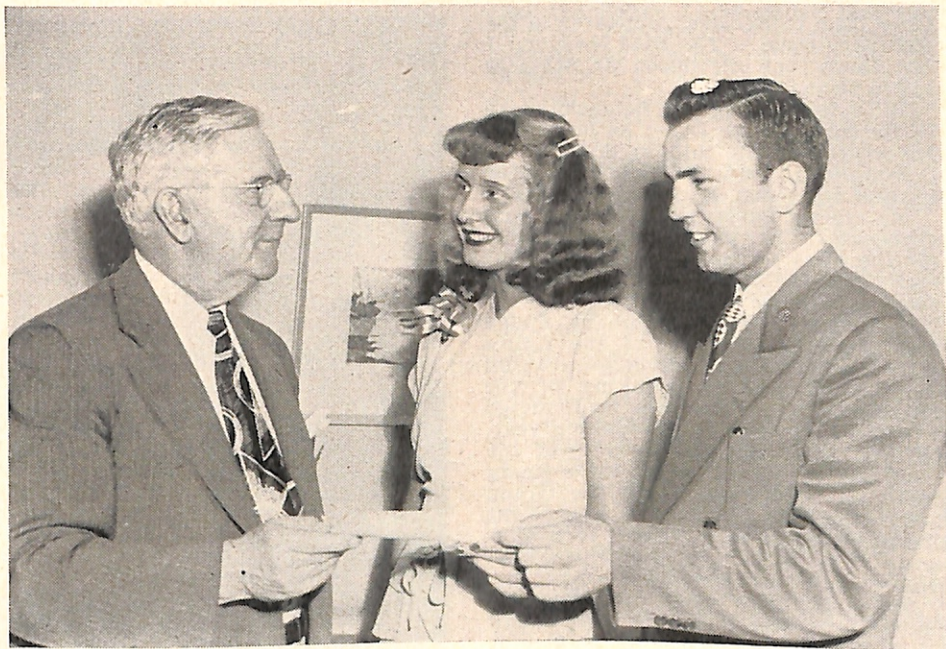
Mr. Malley seized the opportunity to introduce Miss Helen Delich, formerly of Nevada, who won the top scholarship award seven years ago and is now living in Baltimore as a maritime reporter for the *Baltimore Sun*. She had expressed a desire to come to Philadelphia to witness the presentation of the scholarship winners.

The Grand Exalted Ruler next introduced Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart, representative of the Grand Lodge on the National Council of Boy Scouts, who read the following letter from the chief executive of the Boy Scouts of America:

"Last year the Grand Lodge enthusiastically recommended to the subordinate lodges that they participate in, and support, the Boy Scout program. Your Grand Exalted Ruler, Mr. Lafayette Lewis, in his visits to the lodges in every state in the Union, emphasized his desire that every subordinate lodge support the Scout program. Scout officials in all sections of the country where Mr. Lewis appeared called my attention to the great prominence that was given in the newspapers to the Grand Exalted Ruler's speeches. Favorable comments on the possibilities of a cooperation between the Boy Scouts and the Elks were found in over 3,000 newspapers from our clipping bureau. The results are impressive.

"Following Mr. Lewis's talks, many lodges in all parts of the country added greatly to the generous contributions of time and money that they had formerly made in Scouting in their areas. Many of the lodges have made plans to take on the sponsorship of the Scout units. Many individual members of the Order assumed positions of leadership in various phases of Scouting.

"We in Scouting, the largest youth training movement in America, are striving hard to meet our obligations in this regard. We promise that with the



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, presents the top scholarship awards to Walter Michael Firra and Katherine L. White.

continued enthusiastic support of the Elks and organizations similar to yours, we will give to our youth the best that is in us.

"I want to extend my best wishes for the success of your 84th Session of the Grand Lodge, and for the continued expansion of your beneficial influences throughout the country.

Yours very sincerely,
Elbert G. Treadwell
Chief Scout Executive"

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

THE third business session of the Grand Lodge was opened Wednesday morning with the customary invocation by Grand Chaplain, the Reverend Dobbins.

The first order of business was the introduction by Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. Judge Hallinan reported on the vitally important work he and his Commission and the subordinate lodges of the Order have performed in the service of the veterans of the last two wars. Judge Hallinan laid great stress on the work performed by many of the State Associations in this connection.

In emphasizing the work of the individual states, he introduced Robert N. Traver, of Ontario, Calif., Lodge, No. 1419, Chairman of Elks Veterans Commission for California, who recounted the activities of the California Elks in the service of hospitalized veterans. Mr. Traver exhibited some remarkable articles manufactured by hospitalized boys. These included wallets, leather handbags and portfolios, hand-made gavels, one of which was presented to each of

the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, hand-made trout flies, and various other intricately fashioned articles. In order to call attention to the tremendous amount of leather work done by hospitalized veterans, he called into the ballroom members of the California delegation, each of whom bore beautifully tanned hides, to be distributed to the Veterans' Hospitals. These hides, one thousand of them, were valued at \$26,000. This contribution from the California Elks evoked great enthusiasm from the members of the Grand Lodge.

Judge Hallinan called attention to the nation-wide Christmas party held for hospitalized veterans in 165 hospitals by the subordinate lodges and State Associations in cooperation with the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. Contributions to this particular charitable activity totaled \$300,000.

Judge Hallinan then yielded the speaker's stand to Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz of Florida who spoke warmly of the contribution made to the efforts of the Veterans Commission by Harry H. Schlacht, who wrote and published a lead editorial concerning the work of the Veterans Commission, in one of the largest newspaper chains in the country—an editorial which was read by many millions. To indicate the deep appreciation of the Order, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sholtz presented for consideration an engrossed testimonial to Mr. Schlacht, resolving that "the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks . . . express to Harry H. Schlacht its deep-felt gratitude and that there be presented to him a copy of this resolution duly engrossed and sealed with the official seal of the Grand Lodge." (Mr. Schlacht's editorial, "It Is Better to

Give Than to Receive", appeared in the February issue of *The Elks Magazine*.) Mr. Sholtz then introduced Mr. Schlacht to the Grand Lodge.

With deep feeling, Mr. Schlacht spoke of the aims of the Order as he saw it. He expressed his intense distaste for Communism, and in eloquent prose praised the spirit of our forefathers.

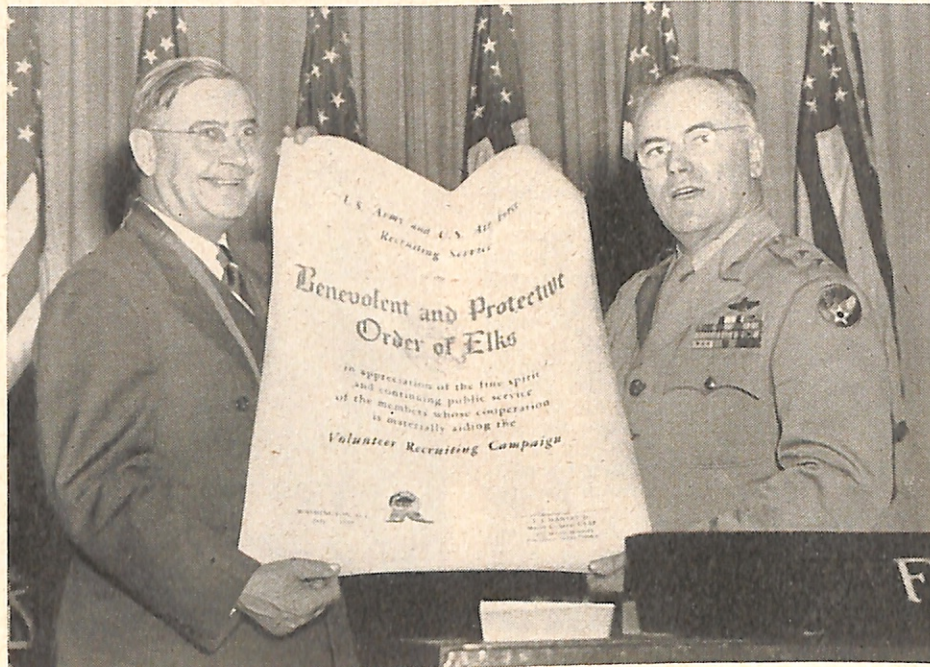
Mr. Sholtz announced that as a consequence of Mr. Schlacht's admiration for the work of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, he had become a member of the Order.

Returning to the microphone, Judge Hallinan detailed some of the future activities which the Commission would recommend, and in speaking of the 225,000 draftees who will be inducted into the Army during the coming year, he advocated that the services of the Commission be extended to these young men. He recommended to the Grand Lodge that the per capita assessment of the members be increased to twenty cents. This motion by Judge Hallinan was seconded and carried unanimously.

Judge Hallinan then introduced to the Grand Lodge Major General Thomas J. Hanley, Jr. General Hanley is chief of the military personnel procurement service, directing voluntary recruiting for the U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force. As such he has one of the most vital "selling jobs" in the nation.

General Hanley dwelt at length on the problem of building our military strength to the requirements of the grave responsibilities we have incurred in the vast and complicated matter of national defense that faces our nation today. He acknowledged the efforts of the B.P.O. Elks in cooperating with the Army and Air Force Recruiting Service in this patriotic effort for more than two years, laying great emphasis on the work of the Veterans Service Commission, *The Elks Magazine*, and the active support which subordinate lodges have given the official recruiting field forces. He expressed the appreciation of the officers and men of the Army and Air Force, and especially of the personnel of the Recruiting Services, for the help given them by the Order, and conveyed their trust that the Elks would continue to stand behind the armed forces.

Speaking forcefully, General Hanley described in simple language and with great clarity the problem of the Recruiting Service and the sort of life that lay before those young men who would enlist or be drafted into the Army or the Air Force. He presented a glowing picture of the prospects offered by the Regular Army to any young man interested in the career opportunities available. The General commented on the Army career plan now being placed in effect, which provides a well-defined progression ladder for every man in the Service. He said that the special benefits and opportunities of which he spoke were only a few of those the Army had created for peacetime volunteers, and told the Grand Lodge that the Air Force had comparable inducements, including the Aviation Cadet Program and the Aviation Career Plan, as well as new high pay scales. The General concluded his address by saying that in token of patriotic contributions to the



Major General Thomas J. Hanley presents to Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis a citation from the United States Army and Air Force Recruiting Service.

volunteer enlistment program, he presented to the Grand Exalted Ruler a citation from the United States Army and United States Air Force Recruiting Service, which said in part: "In behalf of the fine spirit and continuing public service of the members whose cooperation is materially aiding the volunteer recruiting campaign." The General added his personal appreciation for the assistance of Mr. Lewis himself, and of the Commission headed by Judge Hallinan.

Judge Hallinan moved that his written report, which had already been distributed to the delegates, be adopted as written. The motion was unanimously carried. (Excerpts from this report appear elsewhere in this issue.)

Next came a brief report by William J. Jernick, of Nutley, N. J., Lodge, No. 1290, Chairman of the State Associations Committee. A digest of this report appears elsewhere in this Magazine. Chairman Jernick introduced the members of his Commission. He then announced the winners of the Ritualistic Contest and called their representatives to the rostrum where they were introduced to the gathering and received their awards. The ritualistic prize winners were:

Pocatello, Idaho, Lodge, No. 674, \$500
San Rafael, Calif., Lodge, No. 1108, \$250

Danville, Ill., Lodge, No. 332, \$125
Decorah, Iowa, Lodge, No. 443, \$75
Tucson, Ariz., Lodge, No. 385, \$50

Chairman Jernick moved that his report be adopted as read. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then requested the Reverend Dobbins to close this Grand Lodge Session with a benediction. The meeting adjourned to attend the Memorial Services, which were

held at the First Presbyterian Church under the auspices of Dr. Edward J. McCormick.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

THE final session of the Grand Lodge opened Thursday morning with the customary invocation by Grand Chaplain Rev. J. B. Dobbins.

The first order of business was the report of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, by Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit. Excerpts from this report appear elsewhere in this issue.

This report was followed by that of the Committee on Judiciary, delivered by John C. Travis, Chairman. Several resolutions were passed and unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge, chief among them being the following:

"No person shall be accepted as a member of this Order who is directly or indirectly a member of or in any way connected with or affiliated with the Communist Party, or who believes in the overthrow of our government by force. The official form of application blank shall contain such questions necessary to disclose past or present affiliation with said party or adherence to such beliefs."

As a corollary to this, the Committee also moved the adoption of the following resolution:

"Any member of this Order who is a member of the Communist Party or who, either directly or indirectly, participates in activities of said party, or who advocates the overthrow of our government by force, shall be guilty of a violation of his oath, and upon being found guilty thereof by action of a subordinate forum, shall be expelled from the Order."

The motion to adopt these resolutions

THE GRAND LODGE *Convention*

was seconded and unanimously carried.

Grand Trustee Howard R. Davis announced the resignation of Grand Exalted Ruler-elect George I. Hall from the Board of Trustees. He also announced the retirement of Grand Trustee John E. Drummey, of Seattle, Wash., Chairman of the Board, at the expiration of his five-year term of office. He presented a resolution thanking Mr. Drummey for his untiring work for the Order and acknowledging his many years of service. The resolution was unanimously adopted by the Order.

Hugh W. Hicks, Home Member of the Board of Trustees, announced the final budget of the Grand Lodge. Total estimated receipts were \$565,773.00. He moved that the budget be adopted, and this motion, being seconded, was duly passed by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then recognized Dr. Robert South Barrett, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, who took the microphone to request recognition of the man who had conducted the solicitation of funds for films for the Harper Memorial Theatre, a gift from Dr. Barrett, at the National Home at Bedford, Virginia. Charles G. Hawthorne, P.E.R. of Baltimore, Md., Lodge, No. 7, Dr. Barrett said, was the man chiefly responsible for this commendable activity which insured the Harper Theatre's showing two motion pictures a week. Then Mr. Hawthorne, upon being introduced to the Grand Lodge, turned over to Home Member Hicks a check for \$5,545.60 to supply the theatre with future films.

The Grand Exalted Ruler next recognized Leonard M. Lippert, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, who announced the final number of the Grand Lodge members assembled in Philadel-

phia. The number announced was 2,401.

The Grand Exalted Ruler then announced through the agency of Bert A. Thompson, Grand Lodge Activities Coordinator, that the winners of the Lodge Bulletin Contest would receive their prizes after the adjournment of the session. A list of these winning Bulletins and their editors appears elsewhere in this magazine.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Grakelow, Director General of the Philadelphia Elks Convention Corporation, then took the floor, and in ringing words thanked the Grand Lodge for its attendance in the City of Philadelphia. Mr. Grakelow's remarks were received with acclaim.

A representative of the hospitalized veterans in Waco, Texas, presented to Mr. Lewis a toy cannon and a copper tray, both beautifully fashioned, made by the veterans as a recognition of the benefits they had received at the hands of the Order.

At this point Mr. Lewis said, "Aloha," to the Grand Lodge. He spoke with deep emotion of the honor which had been conferred upon him, and received a resounding ovation from the Grand Lodge members. He then turned over the gavel to Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan for the purpose of conducting the installation ceremonies.

Judge Hallinan announced that one of the happiest moments of this Grand Lodge year, was when a cable was received from Manila Lodge No. 761 of the Philippine Islands. The cable announced the erection of the roof on their new lodge home, and requested that the additional funds allocated to them by the Grand Lodge be turned over to them for the completion of the building. Judge Hallinan requested

that the Grand Lodge move that this be done. The motion was unanimously carried, and the sum of \$100,000 was turned over to District Deputy Thomas J. Wolff of Manila, who expressed with feeling the thanks of the Manila Elks.

Judge Hallinan next recognized District Deputy Charles O. Lawson of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, who announced the formation of an "Association of District Deputies of L. A. Lewis." He presented a gift to Mr. Lewis and advised that the purpose of this organization, which was intended to be permanent, was to gather each year with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis to assure him that his District Deputies throughout the United States were behind him, were behind the Order, and awaited his commands and instructions in the work for the Order. Mr. Lewis expressed his deep gratitude of this gesture, and District Deputy Lawson introduced the various District Deputies who were the founders of this organization.

John C. Cochrane, of the Committee on Judiciary, then presented a resolution thanking the people of Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania for their hospitality and kindness during this Convention. He also presented a resolution expressing the heartfelt thanks of the Grand Lodge members for the inspired and militant leadership of Mr. Lewis during the past Grand Lodge year. Both resolutions were approved and unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge.

As the Convention drew to a close, with fitting ceremonies the officers elected were escorted to the rostrum and installed in their offices. The new officers of the Grand Lodge are:

George I. Hall, Grand Exalted Ruler; M. H. Starkweather, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight; B. A. Whitmire, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight; O. J. Fisher, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight; J. Edgar Masters, Grand Secretary; Joseph B. Kyle, Grand Treasurer; Andrew W. Parnell, Grand Tiler and Chester Siegmund, Grand Inner Guard.

After receiving a great ovation, the new Grand Lodge officers took their stations, and Grand Exalted Ruler Hall received a rousing welcome. He appointed the new State Associations Committee, naming William J. Jernick, of Nutley, N. J.; Judge John F. Scileppi, of Queens Borough, N. Y.; Edward A. Spry, of Boston, Mass.; N. H. Feder, of Belleville, Ill., and William I. O'Neill, of Milwaukee, Wis. He then introduced his Secretary, William McGee of Queens Borough Lodge.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, of Colorado, then presented to the new Grand Exalted Ruler a rug made by the convicts of a prison in Colorado. Panama Canal Zone Elks from Cristobal and Balboa Lodges also presented gifts to Mr. Hall. The new Grand Exalted Ruler delivered a brief address to the Convention expressing his deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon him and his desire to follow in the steps of his illustrious predecessors.

With this heart-warming address, the 84th Grand Lodge Session came to a close after a suitable prayer by Grand Chaplain Dobbins.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan installs Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Hall in office.

Excerpts from Annual Reports

Submitted to the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, Pa., in July

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY

Membership

DURING the year ended March 31, 1948, subordinate lodges added to their membership rolls 86,571 new names by initiation; 9,581 by dimit, and 9,505 by reinstatement. In this same period, they expelled 52; dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues 32,302; granted dimit to 12,534, and lost by death 12,361. Our membership as of March 31, 1948 is 925,679, showing an increase of 48,408 members.

Grand Lodge Finances

The total income of the Grand Lodge for the year ended May 31, 1948, amounts to \$477,815.28; expenses amount to \$481,885.97, showing an excess of expenses over income of \$4,070.69.

The Grand Lodge holds in its various funds United States Securities in the following amounts:

In the Reserve Fund.....\$350,000.00
In the General Fund..... 200,000.00
In the Home Fund..... 50,000.00

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at its Session held in Portland, Oregon, in July, 1947, the entire Emergency Educational Fund, composed of United States Securities and cash having a total aggregate value of \$50,000.00, was turned over to John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, during the month of August, 1947.

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$1,065,923.19; fixed assets are \$1,209,384.98; making the total assets of the Grand Lodge \$2,275,308.17.

Subordinate Lodge Finances

Reports filed in this office show that subordinate lodges of our Order had, at the beginning of the year just closed, cash on hand in the amount of \$16,321,105.42. During the year, they received from all sources \$60,401,149.48 and expended \$59,887,769.83, leaving their cash balance as of March 31, 1948, \$16,834,485.07.

These reports also show the total assets of subordinate lodges to be \$180,381,479.89.

Contributions Received From The Elks Magazine

At the Portland Session of the Grand Lodge, the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge from the surplus earnings of *The Elks Magazine* the sum of \$200,000.00. By direction of the Grand Lodge, this contribution was allocated as follows: \$150,000.00 was placed in the General Fund of the Grand Lodge, the receipt of which amount made it possible for the Board of Grand Trustees to balance the budget; \$50,000.00 was turned over to the Board of Grand Trustees, with instructions to invest this sum in bonds or other securities of the United States of America.

Growth of the Order

It will readily be seen that, while our initiations have maintained their usual parity, the number dropped from the

rolls has increased materially. During the year ended March 31, 1946, 15,812 members were dropped for non-payment of dues. In 1947 the number was 24,147. This past year 32,302 members were stricken from the rolls.

No doubt much of the increase this year was caused by men in the armed forces, who joined our lodges during their training period and then later moved to other locations without giving lodge Secretaries the proper change of address.

These are hard, cold facts, and we cannot afford to shut our eyes to the situation that confronts us. I am sure that this condition can be greatly improved by giving special attention to lapsation work by appointing a lapsation committee early in the lodge year, as provided by Section 134b of the Statutes.

Once again we point with pride to the expenditure by our subordinate lodges of \$5,765,239.76 for charitable and welfare purposes. This amount is \$742,342.90 larger than last year's expenditure. When we take note of the fact that but \$606,889.87 was expended for our own members and that \$5,158,349.89 was donated to outside agencies, we can justifiably boast that our Order is a truly benevolent fraternity.

Dispensations

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Broughton:

Dispensation Granted	Name and Number of Lodge	Instituted
6-14-47	Urbana, Ohio, No. 1733	6-29-47
6-2-47	Wauseon, Ohio, No. 1734	8-3-47
6-27-47	Longview, Texas, No. 1128	6-30-47

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis:

Dispensation Granted	Name and Number of Lodge	Instituted
9-26-47	Leeds, Ala., No. 1735	10-29-47
10-2-47	Buckhannon, W. Va., No. 1736	12-11-47
11-6-47	Deer Lodge, Mont., No. 1737	1-18-48
11-8-47	Eureka Springs, Ark., No. 1402	11-23-47
11-11-47	Homewood, Ala., No. 1738	12-3-47
12-17-47	El Monte, Calif., No. 1739	1-15-48
2-7-48	Hemet, Calif., No. 1740	4-3-48
3-2-48	Hiawatha, Kans., No. 1741	4-19-48
3-9-48	Omak, Wash., No. 1742	
3-23-48	St. George ("Dixie") Utah, No. 1743	5-23-48
4-1-48	Melbourne-Eau Gallie, Fla., No. 1744	
4-6-48	Gooding, Idaho, No. 1745	
4-12-48	Thermopolis, Wyo., No. 1746	5-16-48
4-14-48	Bainbridge, Ga., No. 986	
4-14-48	Farmington, New Mexico, No. 1747	5-16-48
4-19-48	Demopolis, Ala., No. 681	
4-23-48	Seaside, Oregon, No. 1748	5-22-48
4-26-48	El Campo, Texas, No. 1749	
5-6-48	Vidalia, Ga., No. 1750	
5-21-48	Hot Springs, S. D., No. 1751	
5-22-48	Martinsville, Va., No. 1752	

Charitable, Welfare, and Patriotic Work

Below is a list of Charitable, Welfare, and Patriotic activities in which subordinate lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for same:

Activities	Amount
Relief of Members, their Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc.	\$ 606,889.87
Summer Camps, Outings, etc.	164,122.19
Milk, Ice and Fuel	52,463.59

Crippled Children	500,837.31
Medical Aid	173,307.85
Hospitals	638,393.20
Miscellaneous Charities	1,228,579.84
General Aid to Needy Families	161,780.78
Thanksgiving Baskets	40,612.82
Christmas Baskets	561,288.71
Scout Work	156,758.99
Big Brother Work	113,632.60
Play Grounds, including Prizes	280,802.81
Scholarships, Text Books, etc.	104,719.58
Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.	399,384.45
Veterans Relief	220,655.82
Flag Day, Constitution Day, etc.	188,905.80
Elks National Foundation..	172,103.55

Total\$5,765,239.76

The following table shows the amount expended in Charitable and Welfare work by each State and Special Jurisdiction during the period from April 1, 1947 to March 31, 1948:

State	Amount
Alabama	\$ 40,922.16
Alaska	15,608.02
Arizona	78,535.00
Arkansas	13,793.92
California	458,495.14
Canal Zone	3,529.95
Colorado	194,289.19
Connecticut	100,284.89
Florida	189,134.17
Georgia	197,778.51
Guam	2,899.15
Hawaii	9,072.83
Idaho	169,294.96
Illinois	227,662.66
Indiana	210,376.94
Iowa	238,775.31
Kansas	115,861.74
Kentucky	43,876.98
Louisiana	10,098.69
Maine	25,831.87
Maryland, Delaware, D. C.	64,373.84
Massachusetts	232,191.63
Michigan	143,753.48
Minnesota	43,851.39
Mississippi	16,327.93
Missouri	62,234.30
Montana	144,088.26
Nebraska	86,064.52
Nevada	19,414.33
New Hampshire	30,080.19
New Jersey	242,596.75
New Mexico	48,440.14
New York	467,225.03
North Carolina	72,223.92
North Dakota	43,217.08
Ohio	209,335.59
Oklahoma	28,578.46
Oregon	126,484.18
Pennsylvania	481,553.29
Philippine Islands	1,154.79
Puerto Rico	9,238.10
Rhode Island	36,772.35
South Carolina	36,036.97
South Dakota	31,954.28
Tennessee	50,060.19
Texas	141,784.89
Utah	34,465.14
Vermont	37,206.35
Virginia	55,449.16
Washington	207,744.38
West Virginia	98,200.28
Wisconsin	84,545.30
Wyoming	32,471.19
Total	\$5,765,239.76

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

Purchase of United States Securities

THE following bonds were purchased during the Grand Lodge year—for the Reserve Fund:

United States Savings Bonds, Series G, 2½'s\$50,000.00

These bonds, together with the bonds already in the hands of the Board of Grand Trustees, have been deposited in safety deposit box 40478, rented from the National Safety Deposit Box Company, Chicago, Illinois.

Transfer of Emergency Educational Fund

Acting in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at its Session held in Portland, Oregon, in July, 1947, your Board turned over and delivered to the Board of Trustees of the Elks National Foundation the Emergency Educational Fund, composed of United States Securities and cash having a total aggregate value of \$50,000.00, as follows:

Par value of securities.....	\$48,000.00
Premium paid	1,382.04
Cost of Bonds.....	\$49,382.04
Interest paid on bonds.....	233.40
Total cash spent.....	\$49,615.44
Cash remitted by voucher.....	384.56
Total Fund accounted for.....	\$50,000.00

Building Applications of Subordinate Lodges

During the current Grand Lodge year, your Board has issued permits to subordinate Lodges for the purchase of and additions to lodge buildings in the amount of \$6,961,627.60. Authorization has also been granted for the sale of subordinate lodge property amounting to \$8,000.00. This has been done in accordance with Section 208 of the Grand Lodge Statutes, which requires all subordinate lodges to obtain a permit approved by the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Board of Grand Trustees before they can acquire property for constructing a Home, make substantial alterations, refinance, or sell property.

Elks National Home

Midway between the beautiful city of Roanoke and historic Lynchburg is the location of the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia. It is a beautiful picture of landscaped lawn and rolling acres, upon which rest spacious, comfortable, and adequate fireproof buildings.

Brother Robert A. Scott is Superintendent of the Home. He manages its affairs with a thorough knowledge and with keen interest in the welfare of each resident, giving the individual brothers proper consideration at all times.

The residents of the Home take an enthusiastic interest in their lodge—the only lodge without a number, but one whose appreciation of the Order is unexcelled. You will find Brothers in the evening of life; yes, most of them have seen better days, but are happy because of the consideration shown them and the fine facilities available for them. Each one has his own private room, and hospital, recreational and entertainment facilities are provided. The lack of re-

strictive rules results in a "homey", not an institutional, atmosphere.

Many general improvements have been made during the year, including the installation of additional ice-water fountains and gas-fired stoves.

It has been a duty of pleasure for the Board of Grand Trustees to supervise the Home, and all meetings of the year have been attended by the full membership of the Board. It is proper that we herewith record the interest and counsel of Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis and Grand Secretary J. E. Masters, which have been duly appreciated by the Board.

In concluding this part of the annual report, may we thank Superintendent Scott and his efficient staff for their invaluable services.

Maintenance of Home

MAY 31, 1948

Base figure used in computing cost per resident, per following statement\$173,492.30

To determine the base figure upon which per capita cost of maintenance is to be charged to subordinate lodges, the following expenses are deducted, in accordance with Section 69 of the Statutes of our Order:

Maintenance of Building	\$8,205.23
Maintenance of Grounds	2,511.49
Maintenance of Equipment	9,668.36
	20,385.08

Balance to be used for apportionment to lodges.....\$153,107.22

The average number of residents at the Home during the year ended May 31, 1948, was 259.

The average cost per resident for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1948, was \$591.15.

The following table shows the average number of residents at the Home during the past five years, with average maintenance cost per member during these years:

Year ended May 31	Average Number of Residents	Average Cost per Resident
1944	251	\$497.94
1945	232	502.06
1946	234	490.68
1947	246	515.86
1948	259	591.15

REPORT OF ELKS NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND PUBLICATION COMMISSION

UPON his election as General Manager of *The Elks Magazine*, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, early in September, 1947, resigned as a member of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission. Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis appointed Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, No. 878, to succeed Brother Nicholson as a member of the Commission.

The officers and members of the Commission, all of whom are Past Grand Exalted Rulers, are as follows: Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman; John R. Coen, Vice-Chairman; James T. Hallinan, Treasurer; John S. McClelland, Secretary, and Michael F. Shannon, Asst. Secy. and Asst. Treas.

The Elks National Memorial Building

EXPENSE OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION: The expense of renewals and replacements for the Memorial Building increases with each year. This extraordinary maintenance is also enhanced by reason of deferred maintenance during the war years. During the last year these items, over and above ordinary maintenance and repairs, amounted to \$7,000, and included replacement of landscape planting, replacement of supplies, miscellaneous repairs and equipment, new draperies for the south corridor and the cost of the rededication plaque. The Superintendent estimates that this extraordinary maintenance and repair for the coming fiscal year will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000. It is impossible to give the exact figures on account of fluctuating prices, inability to secure materials at the proper time and increased wages for the workmen.

By previous resolutions of the Grand Lodge, this Commission was authorized to pay from surplus earnings of *The Elks Magazine*, and charge the same to the Grand Lodge, all expenses of maintenance and operation of the Memorial Building. The amount so paid by the Commission out of surplus earnings during the fiscal year from June 1, 1947, to May 31, 1948, is \$50,199.47, which includes the extraordinary items of maintenance and repair as above outlined, and also the increased costs of labor and material.

During the twelve months ending May 15, 1948, 73,100 persons visited the Building. Since its erection 1,290,480 persons have visited the Building and have acclaimed its grandeur.

MEMORIAL BOOKS: At the Session of the Grand Lodge at New York in July, 1946, the Commission was authorized and directed to print and deliver to the Grand Secretary 10,000 memorial books, similar to those previously published. Full report was made by the Commission last year of its actions as a result of this authorization. These books are now on sale at the Memorial Building.

Public Relations

The Commission by special direction of the Grand Lodge continued during the year to carry on a campaign of public relations and publicity for the Order. The services of a publicity agency in connection with this work were employed.

Clippings from the newspapers throughout the Nation that printed the publicity releases sent out during the past year indicated that the combined newspaper circulation reached was over 120,000,000. The table below lists the publicity releases sent to the newspapers during the year and the newspaper readership which each release reached:

RELEASES RELATIVE TO:	READERSHIP:
Portland, Ore., Convention..	46,846,340
Election of Brother L. A. Lewis as Grand Exalted Ruler and stories covering his visits to the various subordinate lodges	37,371,383
Achievements of the Elks National Foundation	6,473,494
Editorial, "Forward March of Elks"	143,682
Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis' castigation of the commu-	

nists in connection with their attempt to sabotage the Freedom Train.....	3,305,854
The cooperation between the Order and the Boy Scouts of America	1,190,490
Christmas parties of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission	12,108,509
Editorial, "When Good Fellows Get Together"	97,844
The Order's cooperation in the U. S. Army Recruiting Program	867,663
The dedication by Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis of a plaque on the birthplace of the Order at 193 Bowery, New York City, in recognition of the 80th Anniversary of the Order.....	3,579,136
The distribution by Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge of charities totaling over \$100,000	7,537,296
Advance story on the Philadelphia Convention.....	1,960,917

Total 121,482,608

The vigorous public statements and addresses of Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis, the cordiality of his meetings with representatives of the press and radio, and his facility in interviews have contributed materially to favorable publicity for the Order.

The Elks Magazine

GENERAL: The May, 1948, issue of *The Elks Magazine* marked the conclusion of 26 years of publication of this fraternal organ.

REVENUES AND EXPENSES: For the past year we are able to report surplus earnings of the Magazine of \$189,989.30. This increases the aggregate surplus earnings of the Magazine for the 26 years of its existence to \$5,203,803.48. This year's surplus is \$54,808.89 less than for the previous year for the reasons hereinafter set forth in this report.

The expense of publication of the Magazine during the last fiscal year was \$869,375.80, or an increase of \$103,432.77 over the expenses of publication for the previous fiscal year. The reasons for increase in expense of publication and decrease in surplus earnings are easily understood. Additional increases in the price of paper, use of better and higher priced quality of paper, and purchase of paper necessary to meet the increased circulation resulted in an increase in the paper cost for the fiscal year of \$71,631.40, or about 32.5%.

Our printing contract, as customary in nearly all contracts during the past few years, contained an escalator clause whereby we were required to pay, in addition to the fixed prices in the contract, additional amounts reflecting increases in wages accorded the printer's employees. Such increases during the past fiscal year, in addition to an increase in circulation, resulted in an increase in our printing costs compared to the previous fiscal year of \$16,570.61.

Notwithstanding a general increase in the amount of editorial material used during the past fiscal year the application of more careful consideration to the purchase of engravings used with same, which in no way detracted from the material used, resulted in a decrease in engraving costs of \$7,095.23.

With the increase in circulation by reason of growth of the Order during the year, the costs of the Circulation

Department have been considerably increased. Owing to the larger number of magazines mailed, postage for the last fiscal year amounted to \$45,923.94, an increase of \$5,902.76, or approximately 15%, over 1946-47. The total extra costs in the Circulation Department due to these matters were \$9,865.82.

Out of the total increase of \$103,432.77 in expense of publication for the last fiscal year in comparison with the previous fiscal year, the above additional expenses over which the Commission has no control whatever amount to \$90,972.60 of that amount, or 88%.

This leaves only \$12,460.17 of the increased publication costs due to causes other than those above specifically named. The other increases in costs are due to some slight and justly merited increases in salaries and wages, employment of some additional help to take care of the increased activities of the Magazine, increase in rent and increases in costs generally common to all industry today.

No one can tell at this time what the printing and paper situation will be during the coming fiscal year. Indications are that we will have an ample supply of paper during the coming year, but the prices of paper may and probably will increase to some extent. It would seem that the peak of wage increases has been reached, but no one can tell as to this.

Other magazines have experienced the same or greater increases in costs of publication. In fact, considering the increased circulation, our increased costs of publication are in most cases less than those of other magazines.

It must be borne in mind that most other magazines have increased their subscription prices while our subscription price has remained the same during the entire 26 years of publication of the Magazine.

We feel assured that unless something unforeseen happens we will be able to continue to maintain our present subscription price.

ADVERTISING: Our net advertising revenues for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1948, were \$170,166.79.

PROMOTION AND SELLING: The Commission entered into a contract with one of the outstanding survey organizations in our country to make a survey of the readers of the Magazine for the purpose of securing such information relative to their general character, financial status, habits, needs and desires as might be helpful in convincing the advertisers of the high quality of our readers and their exceptional capacity for the purchase of such articles as they might need or desire. The Magazine has not had such a survey since 1939.

QUESTIONNAIRE: In an effort to learn how well pleased the members of the Order are with the various departments of the Magazine as they appear regularly each month and with the articles, fiction and News of the Order that are part of our editorial policy we placed in the Magazine for the months of March and May, a questionnaire enumerating the various articles and departments of the Magazine. We asked the members to fill out such questionnaire indicating which of the various items they read regularly, which they read occasionally and which they do not read at all. There were also forwarded to the lodges reprints of the questionnaire.

We had not tabulated the returned

questionnaires at the time of the preparation of this report. We feel, however, that when all of the returns are in and tabulated, we will have a very good idea of what the members of the Order want in their Magazine, and can amend our editorial policy accordingly, if the returns indicate it should be amended.

PER CAPITA COST OF THE MAGAZINE: The total cost per capita of the publication of the Magazine for the reporting year was 99c, which was an increase of 4c over that of the previous fiscal year. The reason for this has been explained in other sections of this report. Advertising income contributed about 19c per capita, leaving a net per capita cost to the membership of only 80c.

DISPOSITION OF EARNINGS: For the fiscal year ending May 31, 1947, approximately 35c per member was turned over to the Grand Lodge for its purposes.

After consultation with the Board of Grand Trustees and the Grand Secretary we have decided to turn over to the Grand Lodge this year out of surplus earnings and for Grand Lodge purposes the sum of \$125,000.00. When this payment is made, the aggregate amount turned over to the Grand Lodge during the 26 years of the existence of the Magazine will be \$4,705,279.19. After this payment is made, the Commission will have a surplus as of June 1, 1948, of \$498,524.29. The Commission feels that it is necessary to keep this surplus in its treasury, and in fact to increase the same slightly, in view of the uncertainties of postwar conditions and other emergencies and contingencies, and believes that good business judgment requires that we should maintain the surplus at this level.

We, therefore, turn over to the Grand Lodge the said sum of \$125,000.00, to be placed in the general fund of the Grand Lodge and to be subject to such appropriations as the Grand Lodge may at this Session determine, and to be paid at such time or times as requests for payment or payments may be made to the Commission by the Grand Secretary.

SURPLUS: On June 1, 1947, our surplus was \$683,734.46; on May 31, 1948, it was \$623,524.29, or a decrease of \$60,210.17. It must be remembered, however, that during the last fiscal year, out of surplus earnings we turned over to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$200,000.00, and in addition paid the expenses of maintenance and operation of the Memorial Building, amounting to \$50,199.47. When these payments out of surplus earnings and the earnings for the present fiscal year are considered, there is complete reconciliation with the figures as shown in our audited report.

EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION: We desire to reiterate that no officer or member of this Commission receives directly or indirectly, in any manner or form, any compensation of any kind, except necessary expenses incurred in traveling and otherwise. During the last fiscal year the total expenses of officers and members of the Commission amounted to \$2,858.78, of which approximately two-thirds is charged against the Magazine, and about one-third is charged against the Memorial Building. The Commission considers this extremely reasonable for the management and operation of a business that has receipts of over a million dollars each year.

REPORT OF THE ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

IT IS with a deep sense of gratification that our Elks National Veterans Service Commission spreads before the Convention of 1948 the record of its activities during the past year. Our endeavor has been to furnish recreation, entertainment and refreshments to the veterans who have been disabled as a result of the War and are receiving treatment in our Veterans' Hospitals, as a consequence of which, we have extended our program to include every State of the Union. Our activities have been carried to 165 Hospitals, one or more of which is located in each of our forty-eight States. We find approximately 100,000 disabled veterans still confined to hospitals and many of them will be there for a long time to come.

Since our last report our programs have been expanded, and we are happy to report that we are now providing entertainment for hospitalized veterans in 165 hospitals in all of the forty-eight States.

At a Conference of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission held in Chicago last August, it was suggested that we sponsor a special Christmas party for Christmas 1947 in every hospital where disabled veterans were hospitalized and that it be financed by voluntary contribution. This suggestion met with unanimous and hearty approval.

A questionnaire was sent to each State Association President, requesting him to advise the Elks National Veterans Service Commission as to the number of disabled veterans who would spend Christmas in each hospital in his State, in order that we could divide the contributions equally. As replies came in from our questionnaire, we found that several State Associations had already started to raise their own funds to sponsor Christmas parties as State programs. We are happy to report that in each of these States a grand job was done; and in addition to raising their own funds, some of them also contributed to our General Christmas Fund.

When replies were received from State Presidents, not including the States sponsoring their own parties, we found they reported there would be approximately 54,000 veterans spending Christmas in the hospitals. On December 15th we had received \$75,000.00 in contributions. We were confident we would receive many more contributions before Christmas. Therefore, we advised all committees sponsoring Christmas parties that we would send them a sum of approximately \$2.00 to be spent on each veteran they reported, and checks were issued accordingly. In order that they could make the necessary purchases and pack the gifts in time for delivery at Christmas time. To do this, it was necessary for us to advance funds from our regular account until additional lodge contributions were received. Our final figures show that the lodges reported 54,084 veterans would spend Christmas in the hospitals. This called for an expenditure of \$109,349.10. This was in excess of our estimated figures and as the total contributions were \$99,106.77 we were faced with a deficit of \$10,242.33. This, however, was averted because several lodges found at the last minute that the number of veterans remaining in the hospitals for Christmas was much less than the original report submitted. Therefore, they did not need all the money sent to them and they returned the unexpended balances. Also, some of our Committees

succeeded in securing large discounts on their purchases when dealers were told of our program and these lodges also had unexpended balances and returned same. We are happy to report the entire deficit has been wiped out and instead we have a balance of \$4,011.57 which has been transferred to our regular Hospital Fund.

California, Oregon, Washington, Nebraska and Ohio sponsored excellent programs under the direction of their State Associations and in addition to raising their own funds, some of the lodges also contributed to the general Christmas Fund.

In Utah, Wyoming, Nevada and Maine, where they had only one hospital in the state, the lodge in the city where the Hospital was located desired to sponsor the program at its own expense. The lodges in these States also contributed to the General Christmas Fund.

In Colorado the one large Veterans Hospital is located near the cities of La Junta, Lamar and Rocky Ford. These three lodges jointly sponsored and financed the Christmas program at their Veterans Hospital without using any of the \$1,700.00 which had been allocated to them by this Commission, returning the check and advising us that it would be their party. Colorado, as a State, con-

tributed very liberally to the Christmas Fund in addition to the above mentioned program.

In Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, the Committees felt that it would be a waste of funds for the Elks to sponsor special Christmas parties, due to the fact that in these particular communities special Christmas parties were sponsored by civic groups who only visited the hospitals on this one occasion. Our Committees were all of the opinion that a year 'round job was much more important and, therefore, no special Christmas parties were sponsored in these States.

We believe this was one of the finest activities ever sponsored by our Commission and was the direct cause of that excellent editorial written by Harry H. Schlacht and carried in all of the Hearst Newspapers and the King Syndicate. Incidentally, it prompted Mr. Schlacht to apply for membership in our Order, and he is now a member of New York Lodge No. 1.

In order that each of you have a complete picture of this activity, the following statement showing the number of disabled veterans reported in each State, the amount contributed by the State and the amount allocated for their program; also the amounts refunded from the various States, is provided:

State	Patients	Contribution	Allocation	Refund
ALABAMA	450	\$ 849.25	\$ 900.00	\$ 8.35
ALASKA	No program	813.50		
ARIZONA	1,000	2,010.50	2,000.00	
ARKANSAS	1,350	388.50	2,700.00	349.45
CALIFORNIA	State program	300.00		
CANAL ZONE	No program	4,219.05	130.00	
COLORADO	Local program	2,643.00	600.00	91.00
CONNECTICUT	300	2,905.25	4,000.00	200.00
FLORIDA	2,000	2,905.25	4,000.00	
GEORGIA	500	116.25	1,000.00	
TER. HAWAII	No program	300.00		
IDAHO	330	1,938.00	660.00	239.30
ILLINOIS	2,974	5,107.75	6,649.00	1,040.44
INDIANA	2,100	4,943.90	4,200.00	50.70
IOWA	2,025	3,354.25	4,050.00	
KANSAS	1,165	3,531.00	2,330.00	93.84
KENTUCKY	1,850	812.00	3,700.00	
LOUISIANA	525	69.50	1,050.00	125.00
MAINE	Local program	472.50		
MD., DEL., D. C.	5,570	2,177.75	11,140.00	148.82
MASSACHUSETTS	4,170	4,151.55	8,340.00	
MICHIGAN	No program	3,178.45		
MINNESOTA	No program	747.50		
MISSISSIPPI	200	237.50	400.00	
MISSOURI	1,235	1,200.25	2,470.00	389.25
MONTANA	300	1,974.75	600.00	
NEBRASKA	State program	233.00		
NEVADA	Local program	386.00		
NEW HAMPSHIRE	110	179.75	220.00	
NEW JERSEY	Special program	3,691.50	304.00	
NEW MEXICO	300			
(El Paso, Tex.)	400	717.50	1,400.00	
(Albuquerque)	7,068	14,260.25	14,176.10	3,828.38
NEW YORK	1,150	1,298.00	2,300.00	82.13
NORTH CAROLINA	225	542.50	450.00	
NORTH DAKOTA	State program	2,076.50		
OHIO	632	1,170.67	1,264.00	6.27
OKLAHOMA	State program	8,785.50	8,000.00	3,268.37
OREGON	4,000	200.00		
PENNSYLVANIA	No program	1,900.00	1,200.00	
PUERTO RICO	600	929.40	1,400.00	
RHODE ISLAND	700	1,628.00	2,410.00	516.16
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,205	1,729.25	7,000.00	131.85
SOUTH DAKOTA	3,500	2,657.00	6,000.00	656.13
TENNESSEE	3,000	472.00		
TEXAS	Local program	577.50		
UTAH	State program	2,201.50	4,400.00	2,329.93
VERMONT	2,200	1,051.75		
VIRGINIA	State program	1,695.00	1,900.00	700.00
WASHINGTON	950	1,936.50		
WEST VIRGINIA	No program	345.75		
WISCONSIN	Local program			
WYOMING				
	54,084	\$99,106.77	\$109,349.10	\$14,255.37

Manila

We are happy indeed to state that since our last report much progress has been made by Manila Lodge No. 761. They have cleared all differences with the Philippine Government pertaining to their land and are now engaged in the reconstruction of their Home.

Actual work started on January 15th, and it is hoped that the building will be ready for occupancy on or about September 1st, 1948. This will be a great day for our Manila Brothers who suffered so much at the hands of the Japs. It will also be a great day for all Elksdom, for we will have kept our pledge made at the Grand Lodge Sessions held at Omaha and Boston, to finance the rebuilding of this lodge. This was made possible through the generous support given by our membership by their voluntary contributions to our War Fund.

It will be recalled that our Order went on record that they would contribute \$250,000.00 for the purpose of rebuilding the lodge home at Manila. \$50,000.00 was advanced in March, 1946, an additional \$100,000.00 advanced in December, 1947, and the remaining \$100,000.00 is held in escrow, to be turned over to them as their building program progresses.

We congratulate our Manila Brothers on their success in holding their membership together during those trying days, and wish for them many years of happiness in their new home.

This report would not be complete without paying tribute to D.D.G.E.R. Thomas Wolff of Manila Lodge for his unceasing efforts in working out the problems which confronted the membership and the new Philippine Government.

Recruiting

During the past year, we have continued our efforts to assist our Government in securing a voluntary peace-time Army and Navy. A letter from Major General T. J. Hawley, Chief of Military Personnel Procurement Service Division of the United States Air Force, was received by P.G.E.R. Hallinan expressing the whole-hearted approval of, and gratitude for, the assistance afforded by the Elks National Veterans Service Commission.

Security Bonds

When the Treasury Department decided to put on an intensive campaign for the sale of Security Bonds, beginning April 15th and running through June 30th, one of the first organizations called in on their Advisory Committee was the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. As we go to press, this sale is still going on. A letter from Vernon L. Clark, National Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division, was received by Chairman Hallinan thanking him for the efforts of this commission to promote the sale of Savings Bonds.

Finances

The finances for our regular programs this year were secured through a balance of \$301,531.39 remaining from last year's budget, of which \$200,000.00 was held in escrow for the reconstruction of Manila Lodge, leaving a working balance of \$101,531.39; \$37,839.28 in contributions was received from the subordinate lodges of our Order, many of whom contributed in full the amount owing to our War Fund, so that they were able to receive our Certificate of Appreciation; and \$136,323.35 on account, contributed from the Grand Lodge through the 15c per capita tax paid by the membership of our Order

as of May 1st 1948, as unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge Session held at Portland, Oregon, last July: miscellaneous income of \$4,764.42 was also received, which includes \$4,011.57 representing the unexpended portion of Veterans Christmas Fund donations; \$502.85 interest on securities, and \$250.00 refund from the disabled servicemen's Slipper Program. In addition, the Grand Lodge, through its budget, appropriated to the Commission, the sum of \$22,000.00 toward the expenses for the maintenance of the office in connection with the activities of the Commission, making a total working capital available amounting to \$302,458.44. Our total programs including general administrative expenses for the past fiscal year exclusive of Veterans' Christmas Party and the rebuilding of the Elks home at Manila, amounted to \$234,937.10, leaving a working balance on hand, June 1, 1948, of \$67,521.34.

CONCLUSION

In closing this report, the members of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission desire to submit an expression of the realization that for the successful termination of our programs, final credit must be given to the members of our subordinate lodges, who carried on so earnestly and with such outstanding results, thus enabling us to make this report of the fine record now enjoyed by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

All of the members of our Commission are unanimous in their opinion that our work should be carried on; we feel that our activities have done much to increase the power and prestige of our Order, and in addition have brought thousands of outstanding American citizens to membership in our Fraternity.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

IN CONJUNCTION with Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis and Bert A. Thompson, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, this Committee held a meeting in Chicago last September for the purpose of formulating and adopting a Grand Lodge Activities Program for the year.

A schedule of activities embracing the following items was adopted:

The Youth Program
Build A Home For Veteran Program
The Lodge Bulletin Contest
Exalted Rulers Handbooks
The Youth Program Questionnaires
Freedom Train
Lapsation
Memorial Day Services
Flag Day
Publication of Boy Scouts Posters
Letter on Boy Scouts Posters
The Final Congratulatory Letter

At the suggestion of the Committee, Mr. Thompson was requested again to handle the contest for the best lodge bulletins. The winners of this contest are listed in the box below.

The Youth Program has been exceptionally well received in all lodges, the Committee feeling that this activity has done much to increase the prestige of the Order throughout the country. The Boy Scouts Headquarters in New York reports it has received glowing reports daily of the splendid work done by lodges all over the country for the Boy Scouts and of the extraordinary assistance that they have received.

The Committee was particularly pleased with the nationwide observances of Memorial Day and Flag Day, many of which were held in lodge rooms with the public invited to participate, and others were held in churches, public auditoriums, and parks.

The lodges responded to the Committee's suggestions on Lapsation and put forth worth while efforts to remedy the problem of delinquent members.

The country-wide interest aroused by the Freedom Train for which the Order took a large measure of responsibility, created much interest in the Elks as was evidenced by the public.

The Committee acknowledges that space does not permit the praise it would like to give for the assistance it has received from individual lodges and State Associations. However, the official report makes it clear that the contributions, both financial and otherwise, of the subordinate lodges have made the Committee exult in the lodge activities of the Order.

LODGE BULLETIN CONTEST WINNERS

Award	Lodge	Represented By
	0-500	
1st	Florence, Colo., 611	V. C. Evans Vic. E. Kelleber Merle Jones R. C. Van Horn
2nd	Herrin, Ill., 1146	
3rd	Three Rivers, Mich., 1248	
	501-1000	
1st	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., 552	Eugene Sundstrom
2nd	Charles City, Iowa, 418	D. B. Rhinesmith
3rd	Moline, Ill., 556	Lynn Calloway
	1000 and over	
1st	Los Angeles, Calif., 99	Elmer Wolfer
2nd	Boise, Idaho, 310	George Young Herod Enking G. S. Parker
3rd	Huntington Park, Calif., 1415	

HONORABLE MENTION

Class 0-500: McCook, Neb., 1434, *The Informer*; Kent, Ohio, 1377, *Kent Elk*; Ravenna, Ohio, 1076, *The Elks Call* and Laguna Beach, Calif., 1724, *The 1724*.
Class 501-1000: Iowa City, Ia., 590, *Views-News*; Carlsbad, N. M., 1558, *Hello Bill*; Oregon City, Ore., 1189, *Auld Lang Syne*; Colorado Springs, Colo., 309, *Elk Bugle* and Havre, Mont., 1201, *The Bugle*.
Class (Over 1000): Toledo, Ohio, 53, *Elkgrams*; Denver, Colo., 17, *Flash-light*; Springfield, Ill., 158, *Elk-O-Gram*; Rochester, N. Y., 24, *House Organ*; Detroit, Mich., 34, *Elks Tattler*; Philadelphia, Pa., 2, *Herald*; San Diego, Calif., 168, *Elks Trail*; Oak Park, Ill., 1295, *Monthly Bulletin*; Sacramento, Calif., 6, *Number Six*; Roanoke, Va., 197, *Bulletin*, and Lakewood, Ohio, 1350, *Elks News*.

REPORT OF THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Current Year

THIS report of the Elks National Foundation Trustees to the Grand Lodge Sessions of 1948 covers the year ending April 30, 1948. The total receipts from all sources amount to \$293,585.63 which exceeds by \$7,276.47 the receipts of the best fiscal period previously reported. This result was obtained without any contribution from the Grand Lodge. At the end of our fiscal period April 30, 1948 our Principal Fund was \$1,852,855.94.

Donations came from sources as follows:

Honorary Founder Certificates

New subscriptions from 48 Lodges.	\$ 13,630.00
New subscriptions from 5 District Associations	1,350.00
New subscriptions from 8 individuals	2,950.00
New subscriptions from two groups	300.00
Permanent Benefactor Certificates	
72 new Permanent Benefactor subscriptions from Lodges	43,070.00
5 new Permanent Benefactor subscriptions from State Associations	3,300.00
1 new Permanent Benefactor subscription from an individual	1,000.00
One Bequest (u/w Elizabeth M. Bain, Holyoke, Mass.)	400.00
Golden Book of Elkdom—all individual contributions	141,123.28
Payments on existing subscriptions	86,462.35
	\$293,585.63

The success of our promotional program is not reflected in full stature in this report because the Golden Book of Elkdom Campaign did not get under way until late in the year and substantial amounts contributed by the members and in the possession of the lodge committees had not been received when we were obliged to close our books for the current year. Nor does this report show the potential receipts represented by subscription pledges because we include in our fund only amounts actually paid.

Appreciation

We must pay tribute, to the outstanding accomplishment which we call the "Pennsylvania Story." Last year, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow promised that the Associations, lodges and individual members of our Order in Pennsylvania would subscribe to the Foundation during the Grand Lodge year 1947-48 the additional amount of \$400,000 and would pay on account thereof approximately \$100,000. The Elk forces of the State were organized under the leadership of Brother Grakelow and his able lieutenants, Grand Trustee Howard R. Davis, Co-Chairmen Lee A. Donaldson and Ralph C. Robinson, Brother F. J. Schrader, the District Deputies and State Association and lodge officers. A well-planned campaign was inaugurated to obtain subscriptions for Participating Membership Certificates (\$100 each), payable in full or by installments of not less than \$10.00 per year, and also to obtain Permanent Benefactor subscription payments from the lodges. As a result of this masterful effort, we had received from Pennsylvania as of April 30, 1948, additional subscriptions exceeding 300,000, with payments on account in excess of \$80,000. The momentum of the campaign as of that date was so great that we prophesy that the concluding chapter of the Pennsylvania Story, written at the Grand Lodge Session, will recount fulfillment of the promise. We are happy to pay a well-deserved tribute to our Brothers of Pennsylvania.

The Elks of Rhode Island under the vigorous leadership of District Deputy

H. Edgar Walton have been so generous in contributions that this State leads the nation in per capita donations for the year.

Under the leadership of Grand Trustee Sam Stern, the Elks of North Dakota pledged \$50,000 to the Foundation as a memorial to the late Rev. Peter H. McGeough, Past Grand Chaplain. We have received \$8,807 on account on this pledge.

The largest single donation during the year came from Queens Borough Lodge No. 878. Through the courtesy of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, we received a donation of \$6,600 in the annual distribution of the charitable fund of this lodge, with request to issue appropriate certificates to members whom the lodge wished to honor.

Nineteen of the 48 States show every lodge recorded as subscriber for Honorary Founder Certificate. Here is the list—

Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin.

Close competitors for similar distinction are the following:

New York	with 89 enrolled out of 92 lodges.
California	" 86 " " " 88 "
Michigan	" 55 " " " 56 "
Iowa	" 38 " " " 39 "
Montana	" 20 " " " 21 "
West Virginia	" 18 " " " 19 "
Tennessee	" 11 " " " 12 "
Nevada	" 8 " " " 9 "

1368 lodges are now subscribers for Honorary Founder Certificates.

856 of these are fully-paid Founders.

46 State Associations are now subscribers for Honorary Founder Certificates.

41 of these are fully-paid Founders.

10 District Associations are now subscribers for Honorary Founder Certificates.

4 of these are fully-paid Founders.

92 individual Elks have subscribed for Honorary Founder Certificates, including 15 of the living Past Grand Exalted Rulers.

74 of these individuals are fully-paid Founders.

369 Permanent Benefactor subscriptions from lodges are recorded.

193 of these are fully-paid Benefactors.

23 Permanent Benefactor subscriptions from State Associations are recorded.

11 of these are fully-paid Benefactors.

1 District Association is a Permanent Benefactor subscriber.

3 individual members are fully-paid Permanent Benefactors.

Participating Certificates

We call attention to the list of Participating Members. A Participating Certificate and bronze token or watch chain charm, symbolic of the Elks National Foundation, are given to any member who donates \$100 to our fund. Many have availed themselves of this opportunity to enroll as supporters of the Foundation. Many more have subscribed for Participating Certificates and are making payments in monthly or annual installments. We invite all Elks to join this group of "token" contributors. If a substantial percentage of our large membership will form the habit of making occasional donations, the principal fund will be doubled in a relatively short period of time.

INCOME ACCOUNT

April 30, 1947	
Balance	\$11,297.70
Income received during 11-month period ended April 30, 1948	
Bond Interest	\$22,194.28
Dividends	34,272.12
	\$56,466.40

Transferred to Security Depreciation Reserve	5,646.65	50,819.75
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Available for distribution	\$62,117.45
Distributions	42,725.00

April 30, 1948	
Balance	\$19,392.45

EXPENSES

We emphasize the fact that *nothing is deducted from the income of the Foundation to defray administrative expenses.* The cost of administration for the period reported, paid out of Grand Lodge appropriation, amounted to \$15,157.05, the items for which were as follows:

Fiscal Agency Fee	\$ 2,166.33
Printing and Engraving	3,346.78
Travel	127.82
Postage and Express	928.58
Stationery and Supplies	721.26
Office	7,866.28
	\$15,157.05

The balance sheet as of April 30, 1948, shows the details of our financial set-up.

In addition to our principal fund of \$1,852,855.94, we have a Security Depreciation Offset Fund amounting to \$60,818.55. This Reserve is to provide against possible losses from sale or redemption of securities and possible loss of premium in lieu of amortization. All moneys accumulated in this fund are invested exclusively in government securities. When added to our principal fund, it brings our capital assets to \$1,913,674.49.

Our investments, inventoried at cost, amount to—Principal Fund \$1,670,477.58, Depreciation Offset Fund \$59,100. The balance of our capital assets is represented by cash on deposit.

Distributions

To State Associations

In conformity with our policy of encouraging the State Associations which conduct well planned philanthropies, we have made distributions from the available income during the past year to assist the activities of the State Association as follows:

Hospitalization	
Arizona Elks Association for tubercular hospital at Tucson	\$ 1,125.00
Ohio Elks Association for hospital program	500.00
	\$ 1,625.00
Crippled Children Rehabilitation	
Florida State Elks Association	\$ 500.00
Georgia State Elks Association	300.00
Idaho Elks Association	300.00
New Jersey Elks Association	600.00
North Dakota State Elks Association	300.00
Texas Elks State Association	300.00
Vermont State Elks Association	300.00
	\$2,600.00

Educational Funds	
California Elks Association	\$ 1,000.00
Colorado Elks Association	500.00
Connecticut Elks Association	300.00
Illinois Elks Association	500.00
Indiana Elks Association	500.00
Iowa Elks Association	300.00
Massachusetts Elks Association	1,000.00
Michigan Elks Association	500.00
Montana Elks Association	300.00
Nebraska Elks Association	300.00
New York State Elks Association	1,200.00
Oregon Elks Association	300.00
Pennsylvania Elks Association	1,200.00
Rhode Island Elks Association	300.00
Utah Elks Association	300.00
Washington Elks Association	300.00
West Virginia Elks Association	300.00
Wisconsin Elks Association	300.00
	9,400.00
Children's Homes and Camps	
Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association	\$ 300.00
North Carolina Elks Association	300.00
Virginia Elks Association	300.00
	900.00
Welfare Work	
Minnesota State Elks Association	\$ 300.00
	300.00
	\$14,825.00
Brought forward	\$14,825.00
For Scholarships allocated to States or equivalent amount for special use:	
Alabama	
Scholarship to Kathleen Erle Ligon, Montgomery	\$ 300.00
Arizona	
Scholarship to Florence Iva Begay, Flagstaff	300.00
California	
Scholarship to Robert H. Thompson, Long Beach	300.00
Scholarship to Shirley R. Rundquist, Long Beach	300.00
Scholarship to Ruthalee Gladys Ward, Berkeley	300.00
Scholarship to Donald Mervyn Bullock, Berkeley	300.00
Connecticut	
Scholarship to Barbara Ann Eskridge, New London	300.00
Florida	
Scholarship to Bonita Marie Bachman, Miami	300.00
Georgia	
Scholarship to Alice Porter Farmer, Atlanta	300.00
Idaho	
Scholarship to James Patrick Costello, Lewiston	300.00
Illinois	
Scholarship to Rae June Decker, DuQuoin	300.00
Scholarship to Alfred W. Balk, Rock Island	300.00
Indiana	
Scholarship to Shirley Gantz, Terre Haute	300.00
Scholarship to James Calvin, Peru	300.00
Iowa	
Scholarship to Mary Nell Gray, Estherville	300.00
Kansas	
Scholarship to Ramon Earl Eller, Junction City	300.00
Kentucky	
Scholarship to Nancy Lee Buren, Danville	300.00
Maine	
Scholarship to Jeanne Lucille Hallee, Waterville	300.00
Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia	
Scholarship to Joanne King, Washington	300.00
Massachusetts	
Scholarship to Donald W. Dowd, Lowell	300.00
Joann M. O'Rourke, Westfield	300.00

Michigan	
Scholarship to Douglas E. Cutler, Muskegon Heights	300.00
Scholarship to Barbara E. Stearns, Midland	300.00
Missouri	
Scholarship to Milo Archer Harris, Joplin	300.00
Montana	
Scholarship to Joyce Danielson, Hardin	300.00
Nebraska	
Emil John Volcheck, Jr., Omaha	300.00
Nevada	
For use in Crippled Children Program	300.00
New Jersey	
Scholarship to Katherine L. White, Camden	300.00
New Mexico	
Scholarship to Lillian F. Sturgeon, Raton	300.00
North Carolina	
Simeon H. Adams, Gastonia	300.00
North Dakota	
Scholarship to Benton Thomas Eid, Fargo	300.00
Ohio	
Scholarship to Janet L. Bloom, Lakewood	300.00
Scholarship to Leo L. Cifelli, Conneaut	300.00
Oklahoma	
Scholarship to Charles Larry McLane, Bristow	300.00
Oregon	
Scholarship to Mary Sue Greene, Medford	300.00
Pennsylvania	
Scholarship to Patricia Wagner, Watsonville	300.00
Scholarship to Frank E. Brown, Jr., Renovo	300.00
Scholarship to Robert Barroll, Palmerton	300.00
Scholarship to Charles E. Hollerman, Turtle Creek	300.00
Scholarship to Nelly Fern Jewell, Carmichael	300.00
Rhode Island	
Scholarship to Avis May Buxton, Oakland	300.00
South Carolina	
Scholarship to Jackie E. Fulmer, Sumter	300.00
South Dakota	
Scholarship to Donna Marie Hauck, Aberdeen	300.00
Tennessee	
Scholarship to Doris Tomlinson, Old Hickory	300.00
Texas	
Scholarship to Michael T. Panos, Houston	300.00
Utah	
Scholarship to Warren (Duke) Allred, Ogden	300.00
Virginia	
Scholarship to Norma A. Townsend, Roanoke	300.00
Wyoming	
Scholarship to Edward Earl Reasoner, Casper	300.00
Scholarships for 1946-47 paid after the close of the fiscal year ended April 30, 1947, in accordance with requests made prior thereto, are shown as expenditures of the current year as follows:	\$14,100.00
Colorado	
Inis Geraldine Dwyer, La Junta	300.00
	\$14,825.00
Louisiana	
Margaret Elizabeth McNair, New Orleans	300.00
Maryland	
Beatrice E. Philbert, Towson	300.00
Massachusetts	
Norman E. Farrar, Winchester	300.00
Minnesota	
Anabelle Tradup, Faribault	300.00
New York	
John P. Donnelly, Owego	300.00
Richard F. Klee, Lancaster	300.00
Richard Addis, Beacon	300.00
Ohio	
Bruce Warren Nelson, Lakewood	300.00
Puerto Rico	
Pura Norma Suarez, Caguas	300.00
Wisconsin	
David Keller, LaCrosse	300.00
	17,400.00

Special Elks National Foundation Scholarships	
Johanna R. Naeck, Denver, Colorado	\$ 300.00
Mary G. Blank, Great Falls, Montana	300.00
Oren E. McLaughlin, Clifton, Arizona	300.00
Frederick T. Marchi, Rumford, Maine	300.00
Howard W. Smith, Brattleboro, Vermont	300.00
	1,500.00
	\$ 33,725.00
Summary of Distributions	
To State Associations	\$ 14,825.00
For scholarships allocated to States or equivalent for special use	17,400.00
Special Elks National Foundation Scholarships	1,500.00
"Most Valuable Student" Awards for 1947	9,000.00
	\$ 42,725.00

"Most Valuable Student" Awards—1948

In the November issue of *The Elks Magazine*, the Elks National Foundation Trustees announced an offer of \$8,000 in cash prizes to be awarded to the "Most Valuable Students" of the school year 1947-48 as follows:

	Boys	Girls
First Prize	\$ 700	\$ 700
Second Prize	600	600
Third Prize	500	500
Fourth Prize	400	400
Fifth Prize	300	300
Five \$200 awards	1,000	1,000
Five \$100 awards	500	500

These prizes were offered to the students of the country who are outstanding in scholarship attainment, in character, in citizenship and in extra curriculum activities. Any student in the senior or graduating class of a high or preparatory school, or in an undergraduate class of a recognized college, and resident within the jurisdiction of the Order, was eligible to become a candidate for these awards.

Golden Book of Elkdome

In order that every Elk might have an opportunity to contribute to the Foundation in such amount as his interest and generosity might prompt, the "Golden Book of Elkdome" was inaugurated. A copy of the Golden Book was placed in each subordinate lodge in custody of a special Elks National Foundation Committee, appointed for the purpose by the Exalted Ruler. It is the purpose of the Foundation Trustees that this Golden Book should be kept as a permanent record in which will be enrolled the names of the individuals who make donations to the Foundation.

GRAND LODGE STATE ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE World War II Activities Report

TWO years ago the State Associations Committee was assigned the task of securing and compiling statistics and information which would record for Elkdome an historical annal, portraying the total contribution made by the B. P. O. Elks to the World War II effort. Lodges were furnished with a questionnaire on which they were requested to provide a complete record of their war effort between the dates of December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1945.

This project has been a tremendous one, requiring much correspondence between the State Associations Committee and the District Deputies, Secretaries and Exalted Rulers of subordinate lodges. The work necessarily has been shared by various State Associations Committees, and it is the privilege

of this committee to declare the record final, inasmuch as the information requested has now been provided by every lodge in the country. The results of the questionnaire are most impressive, indicating the high rate of participation by Elksdom in the war effort.

Ritualistic Program

We addressed to the officers of State Associations, District Deputies and subordinate lodges a directive of the Rules and Regulations governing Ritualistic Contests, Amendments to the Ritual of Initiation, with recommendations which would stimulate a greater interest in the Ritualistic Program. The program, impressive in its performance, indicates greater participation in this activity with its subsequent effect upon enriching the ideals of Elksdom and the broadening of fraternal associations.

Directory of State Associations Presidents and Secretaries

Dates and Locations of State Conventions

In order to strengthen the unity among the State Associations, the Committee this year has started work on a Directory of State Associations similar to the Directory of Subordinate Lodges. Probably another year or two will be required to complete this assignment. This ready reference book should encourage the exchange of ideas and should provide the means whereby mutual problems can be discussed and solved to the benefit of all Associations.

A list of State Association Presidents and Secretaries, with mailing addresses, Convention places and dates, was prepared for publication in the March, 1948, issue of *The Elks Magazine*. This was the first time such a list was published and made available to the membership for use in promoting the mutual advantages of the State Associations and the Order.

In accordance with Section 47 of the Grand Lodge Statutes, five States have submitted Constitutions and By-Laws to the Committee for review and approval. Following a questionnaire to all State

Associations to determine the non-affiliated lodges, letters were written to those lodges encouraging their interest in and support of their Association by active membership. Present records indicate that very few lodges are not now members of their Associations. In addition to the successful participation in this program, many Associations have reported the formation of new lodges and the revitalizing of others.

Survey of State Association Activities

One of the first tasks assumed by this Committee was the mailing of a letter and questionnaire to each State Association President requesting information which would enable the Committee to promote an inter-change of ideas and activities among all the State Associations to help create stronger and more effective individual State programs.

In February, a letter was sent to the President of each State Association urging that he furnish a detailed account of the achievements of his Association for the year. Included with the letter was a Question Sheet intended to guide the officer toward a complete report so that the summary prepared by this Committee might satisfactorily represent the plans and accomplishments of each State Association.

The following summary should give a good indication of the varied and interesting activities participated in by State Associations all over the country:

All Associations are contributing magnificently to the assistance of crippled children. They also are participating in programs to combat juvenile delinquency, many of them taking a direct and active interest in Boy, Girl, Sea and Cub Scout movements.

The Elks National Foundation has received wholehearted support of the Associations, with all of them making scholarship awards through the Foundation. Every State Association is devoting time, attention and money to the welfare of our veterans, and all are generous in their support of activities such as the Community Chest, Red Cross and Cancer Funds, the Freedom

Train and the Salvation Army.

The State Associations all report favorably as to their financial condition. One evidence of this is the thousands of dollars which have been expended on various special projects, notable among which are the following: The Alabama Association supports the Crippled Children's Home at Birmingham. The Arizona Association, the Elks Hospital for Tubercular Patients at Tucson. The Florida Elks, the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children at Umatilla. The Georgia Association, Aidmore, a crippled children's hospital and clinic in Atlanta. The Idaho Elks Association has a tremendous undertaking in its Crippled Children's Hospital Program. The Indiana Elks are making great strides in their Cancer Program. Kentucky Elks sponsor a wing of the Hazelwood Sanitarium. The Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia operates a large Boys Camp. Massachusetts Elks are receiving nationwide notice on the success of its Youth Movement. The Nebraska Association takes care of a floor of the Children's Memorial Hospital in Omaha. The New Hampshire Association is building a field for the Golden Rule Farm for boys. The New Jersey Elks support the Betty Bacharach Home for Crippled Children and is sponsoring aid for paraplegic and a program called "Amputees in Action", which is assisting maimed veterans, as well as others. The New Mexico-El Paso, Tex., Association is giving support to the Boys Ranch for underprivileged youngsters. The North Carolina Association has been operating a large Boys Camp for several years. The North Dakota Elks support Camp Grassick for children. The South Carolina Association is planning a Boys Town for the near future. The Texas Association operates its huge Hospital for Crippled Children at Ottine. The Vermont Association is erecting a building at Camp Thorpe, a center for crippled children. The Virginia Association is planning a Boys Camp. The Washington Elks Association operates its Orthopedic Hospital, a convalescent home for crippled children.

Excerpts from the Annual Report to the Grand Lodge of Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis

Boy Scout Sponsorship

ACTING upon the comprehensive and most excellent report made to the Grand Lodge by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles Spencer Hart, I urged each subordinate lodge to sponsor from one to five Boy Scout troops and, wherever possible, to select the membership of these troops from the boys who never had a real chance. I have spoken with what force I possess in favor of this program wherever I have visited Elks lodges. I have been informed by the ranking officers of the Boy Scouts of America that they have had reports showing that Elks lodges have truly appreciated this opportunity for service to our youth and that a great many excellent projects have been initiated by the Elks for the support of Scouting in many communities. There has been a great definite increase in the number of units sponsored by the Elks. I have been informed that it takes many months to get these projects into working order and that the next year will show a far greater increase as a result of the work that the lodges are now doing.

Americanism

I have, to the extent of my ability, endeavored to awaken the members of subordinate lodges to the great menace of Communism to our American way of living.

We have brought to the attention of Elks everywhere the teachings of subversive beliefs in many of our public schools and especially to children of tender years. The members of many lodges have been instrumental in ferreting out these subversive teachings and have removed objectionable books so that our children's minds cannot be poisoned. I feel certain that the results already obtained are but a small indication of even greater success in this regard in the future. We cannot lessen our vigilance.

I respectfully recommend to my successor and to my Brother Elks everywhere that this battle against Communism be greatly intensified and that as American citizens we make our demands known to our State Department, our Executive and Legislative Departments, and drive from every branch of

our Government the men who are subservient in their loyalty to a foreign government.

Membership

Our gain for the Grand Lodge year amounted to over 48,000 members. We would have liked to see the gain even greater, but I have made no intensified campaign for membership during my year as Grand Exalted Ruler. There have been no drives for membership. I have continuously advocated the necessity of bringing into our Order the finest cross-section of leading citizens of every community and have stressed quality rather than quantity.

Activities Coordinator

The Board of Grand Trustees and your Grand Exalted Ruler on October 1, 1947, employed Brother Bert A. Thompson of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Lodge No. 259, as Activities Coordinator. Brother Thompson has been actively engaged in the work of our Grand Lodge for many years—having served as a member and as chairman of the Grand

Lodge Activities Committee—and has rendered distinguished service. His efforts and his enthusiasm have been recognized by the leaders of our Order.

His duties were to coordinate the activities of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee and the State Associations Committee, and to perform such other duties as might be delegated to him by the Grand Exalted Ruler.

Brother Thompson has been of invaluable service to me during this past year. We have proceeded cautiously, as the department was a new experiment and we desired to make as few mistakes as possible.

(Editor's Note: In this report the Grand Exalted Ruler, referring to his District Deputies, commended them as valuable workers for the good of Elksdom. He paid tribute to the Past Grand Exalted Rulers, expressing deep appreciation for their wise counsel and great assistance. Mr. Lewis said that the Grand Secretary had been of invaluable help, and expressed himself as powerless to repay him for the kindness, the courtesy and the priceless assistance he received from Grand Secretary Masters.

The painstaking detail in the dispatch with which Grand Treasurer Joseph B. Kyle of Gary, Ind., Lodge, performed his duties, the Grand Exalted Ruler said, had proved of great service. He also said that no Grand Exalted Ruler had been more highly blessed than he when he considered the assistance rendered to him by his Secretary, William W. Garvin of Santa Ana, Calif., Lodge. Mr. Lewis also praised the Board of Grand Trustees of which John E. Drumme of Seattle, Wash., Lodge, is Chairman, saying that they had conducted the financial affairs of the Order in a matchless manner.

Mr. Lewis was most generous in his praise of those members of the Grand Lodge who make up the Grand Forum. He wrote warmly of the work of the Committee on Judiciary of which J. C. Travis of Omaha, Neb., Lodge, is Chairman. He spoke of his gratitude to the Auditing Committee and the Committee on Credentials and their untiring zeal in the prosecution of their duties.

In addition to these expressions of appreciation, the Grand Exalted Ruler extended his thanks to the Trustees of the Elks National Foundation of whom Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley is Chairman. He pointed with pride to the magnificent achievements of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, of which Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan is Chairman.

Mr. Lewis also expressed himself as exceedingly fortunate in the selection of the Chairman and other members of the State Associations Committee. They are, he said, "tried and true workers in our Order." William J. Jernick of Nutley, N. J., Lodge, heads this Committee.

The Grand Exalted Ruler stated in his account of the rehabilitation work of the Order that Brothers William M. Frasier and Floyd H. Brown had been of inestimable value.

In his reports Mr. Lewis praised highly the members of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, saying they are men who by training and experience are fully aware of the problems affecting the subordinate lodges of our Order. C. P. Hebenstreit of Huntington Park, Calif., Lodge, is Chairman of this efficient Committee.)

Elks National Home

It has been my great pleasure and privilege to visit the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia, several

times during my term of office, and each time, as I neared the beautiful grounds and buildings, my great pride in my beloved Order increased immensely. This Home, with its well-clothed, well-fed and contented Brothers, is a great credit to our national Order. It is well-equipped and well-staffed. Every effort is made to give to these Brothers the finest possible kind of a home.

I am indeed happy that the meeting called by the Grand Exalted Ruler for the District Deputies of the Eastern Districts is usually held at our Elks National Home, for it gives to each District Deputy an inspiration that descriptive words cannot conceive.

We have room at this beautiful Home for more indigent members, and I advise each subordinate lodge carefully to look into the matchless facilities there if they have Brothers in their own ranks who are in need, and who would benefit by this splendid environment.

Mere words cannot express my gratitude to Brother R. A. Scott, Superintendent of our National Home, and to the Board of Grand Trustees, and especially its Home Member, Hugh W. Hicks, for the excellent work they have done in the operation and management of this great institution.

Emergency Charity Fund

In October, 1947, Maine and a portion of New Hampshire were visited by terrific fires, causing one of the most unprecedented disasters in our country. Upon hearing of this disaster, I immediately authorized Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, to represent the Grand Exalted Ruler in this area and wired him \$3,000 for relief purposes. Five hundred dollars of this amount was immediately turned over by Brother Malley to Bangor, Maine, Lodge, an additional \$500 to Portland, Maine, Lodge, \$1,000 to Sanford, Maine, Lodge, \$500 to Rochester, New Hampshire, Lodge, and \$500 to Biddeford-Saco, Maine, Lodge. Additional funds were raised by the various lodges and added to the amount supplied out of Grand Lodge funds.

Thousands of men, women and children were completely clothed. Food was supplied to those in need. Over 10,000 hot meals were furnished, and quarters for children were provided. All kinds of household equipment were furnished.

Magnificent assistance was given by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, by C. Dwight Stevens, Past State President of Maine, and by District Deputies James E. Mulvaney of Bangor, Maine, and F. A. Tilton of Laconia, New Hampshire.

The total expenditure from the Emergency Charity Fund this year was \$3,000.

Elks National Foundation

The very worthwhile distributions from this Foundation during the year have been made for crippled children, tubercular relief, and national scholarship prizes allocated to states and awarded to State Associations.

Your Grand Exalted Ruler has with distinct pleasure signed a great number of Foundation Certificates for subordinate lodges, for State Associations, and members. For the fiscal year ended April 30, 1948, there was received by the Elks National Foundation the magnificent sum of \$288,446.13. This is \$2,136.97 in excess of the total receipts of the previous fiscal period, and I am happy to say it is the largest amount taken in by the Foundation Trustees in any one year.

This year the "Golden Book of Elk-

dom" was inaugurated by the Foundation Trustees. We all agreed that due to printing difficulties this book could not be placed in the hands of many District Deputies at the time of their official visits to their subordinate lodges. Necessarily, this mitigated against an auspicious beginning in this movement to raise funds from individual members of our Order. I am happy to inform you, however, that in recent months this movement has taken on real impetus and the receipts for April were in excess of \$58,000, indicating clearly that the "Golden Book" Campaign is now rolling.

I desire to pay particular praise and give proper credit to the great Elk state of Pennsylvania. This state initiated a campaign dedicated to the purpose of raising among the individual members of the subordinate lodges of Pennsylvania, a sum of not less than \$400,000 during the Grand Lodge year. Contributions were accepted from individual members in sums of \$100 or more, payable either entirely in cash or upon subscription agreements payable over a period of years not exceeding, however, ten years in time.

The Elks of North Dakota have set about during this year to raise \$50,000 in individual subscriptions from their members, and have dedicated this magnificent contribution to the memory of the late Rev. Father P. H. McGeough, former Grand Chaplain, and member of Valley City Lodge, N. D., Lodge.

Elks National Veterans Service Commission

The members of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission under the inspiring and brilliant leadership of James T. Hallinan, their Chairman, have expanded their hospital program until today we are operating in every one of the 48 states. The programs furnished by this Commission are varied and diversified, with the planning left in most instances to the committees functioning in each state. Under the leadership of this National Veterans Service Commission, the Elks of America gave a nationwide Christmas Party in the veterans' hospitals.

I am particularly proud of the program of occupational therapy sponsored by the Elks of my own state of California, acting as an agency of the National Veterans Service Commission, under the leadership of Robert N. Traver, Past Exalted Ruler of Ontario, California, Lodge No. 1419. In a large measure, the occupational therapy materials with which the veterans in California-located hospitals have worked have been furnished by this group. Veterans with no arms at all have been taught to tie intricate trout flies. Veterans have been instructed in and have become proficient in leather work, the grinding of precious stones, and ambulatory patients have become expert watch repairers.

The Elks of America under our Veterans Service Commission, are continuing to cooperate with the War Department and with the Navy Department in helping them recruit their peace-time Army and Navy. Our latest effort has been to assist the Treasury Department in helping the sale of the Security Bonds.

Grand Lodge Activities Committee

The most important objectives of this Committee could be characterized and summed up as follows:

Support of the "Freedom Train," "Youth Program," with special emphasis on Boy Scout sponsorship, "Memorial Day Services," "Lapsation Program," "Build a Home for a Veter-

an," "Lodge Bulletin Contest," Exalted Rulers' Hand Books, "Flag Day" observances, a questionnaire on the "Youth Program," and the sending out of beautiful lithographed Boy Scout posters.

The action of this Committee on the "Freedom Train" aroused a patriotic citizenry to such a point that certain unpleasant incidents that occurred during the early progress of this train were not later reported, and we feel that the subordinate lodges of America contributed greatly to the success of this project, originated with the idea of re-dedicating Americans to Americanism. The letters of suggestion by this Committee for Memorial Day and Flag Day caused renewed interest in these two very important occasions mandatory by our Grand Lodge Statutes.

The program adopted by the Grand Lodge at the Portland, Oregon, Convention and furthered by the activities of this Committee, resulted in the awakening of the Elks of America to the necessity of stimulating the youth of America to a keen sense of appreciation of the privileges that only Americans enjoy. We feel that, as a result of this Committee's work, there will be at least 300 more Boy Scout troops in 1948 than there were in 1947 and that a notable foundation has been laid for even greater impetus during 1948-49.

The Exalted Rulers' Hand Book has been of immeasurable value in assisting the Exalted Rulers in providing worthwhile programs for their subordinate lodges. The Grand Lodge Activities Committee has recommended unanimously the continuation of the Exalted Rulers' Hand Book. Also the inclusion of a question in our Elks application for membership with regard to any felony convictions of the applicant; the continuation of the program sponsoring the Boy Scouts and other youth activities; the continuation of the Lodge Bulletin Contest, the Spring District Deputy Conference for Exalted Rulers and Secretaries with the added suggestion that each officer of every lodge be asked to attend such conference.

State Association Committee

I can only furnish a synopsis of the activities furthered by this State Associations Committee during the past year. One of the biggest tasks of this Committee, from the point of view of correspondence and recording, was the effort to complete the War Activities reports from each lodge in the Order.

Through the energetic efforts of this committee, there was a distinct improvement in the Ritualistic program through the promotion of inter-lodge competition and the National Ritualistic Contest.

This Committee prepared the directory of State Association Presidents and Secretaries similar to the directory of subordinate lodges, and will provide an exhibit covering all activities of the State Associations for the Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia.

This Committee has reviewed and approved the Constitution and By-Laws, rules and regulations affecting State Associations, and has assisted greatly in the promotion of the Elks National Foundation scholarships and the "Golden Book of Elkdom" programs. It has provided for a survey seeking to promote an interchange of ideas and activities among all State Associations. This would undoubtedly create stronger and more effective individual state programs.

Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission

This important Commission publishes our Elks Magazine and maintains our National Headquarters and Memorial Building in Chicago, Illinois.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman of this Commission, has devoted a lifetime of service to our great Order. His co-members consist of Past Grand Exalted Rulers John R. Coen, Vice-Chairman; John S. McClelland, Secretary; James T. Hallinan, Treasurer; Michael F. Shannon, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. Their business ability and wise management are reflected in the great success of our Magazine and our Memorial Headquarters Building on the shores of Lake Michigan.

This magnificent Memorial to the members of our Order who made the supreme sacrifice during World War I and World War II represents the finest in architecture and materials, and typifies the fine thoughts and worthwhile deeds, the lofty aims and ambitions of a group of men who have dedicated themselves to the service of humanity. Thousands of Elks and non-Elks enter its portals and are inspired with a feeling of reverence and devotion.

No one can now deny that *The Elks Magazine* is one of the greatest assets of our Order. It is undoubtedly the finest periodical of its type in our country today.

Many of our lodges feel they have not obtained sufficient publicity in the pages of our Magazine, but I am confident that every conscientious effort is being made to see that each lodge is treated fairly and impartially, and, upon proper reflection, it will be realized that the Magazine would assume improper proportions if all of the material sent in by subordinate lodges were used.

Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

Visits were made to at least 200 lodges of our Order. Many of these meetings were attended by the officers and members of other lodges in the district. I feel confident that over one thousand lodges were represented at these joint meetings.

Robert S. Farrell, Jr.

The Grand Lodge was immeasurably saddened on the 29th day of October, 1947, at the news of the untimely and sudden death of Robert S. Farrell, Jr., of Portland, Oregon, Lodge No. 142, one of the most influential and best beloved members in his own state of Oregon, and in the Grand Lodge. Brother Farrell served with distinction in the leadership of his own subordinate lodge and his State Association. He served with distinction as a member and as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge and rendered to this Order service of an enduring character.

Campaign for Enforcement of Grand Lodge Statutes

Your Grand Exalted Ruler in his acceptance speech at Portland, Oregon, declared that he intended to enforce impartially and firmly the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge.

In my various appearances over the United States, and in all of my correspondence with subordinate lodges and District Deputies, I have endeavored to adhere to my policy of firm and impartial enforcement. I found conclusively on my various visits through

every state of the nation that the vast majority of Elks in all lodges were solidly behind the enforcement of our laws.

Summary of Recommendations

1. I recommend to the Exalted Rulers and officers of all subordinate lodges, an earnest continuation of all activities for the aid of humanity and in the promotion of community and civic welfare projects.

2. I recommend that our great Order continue to devote itself even more enthusiastically to the promotion of true Americanism and to bring to the attention of all peoples here in our nation a true conception of the great privileges that we enjoy, to the end that constructive measures may be taken to prevent the spread of Communism or of any other foreign ideology.

3. I recommend that the practice of requiring the District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers to hold spring conferences and training schools for the new officers of each subordinate lodge shortly after their election be continued.

4. I recommend that Section 59 of the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended, providing for an increase in the allowance for each day necessarily engaged in travel, and the amount increased for each day necessarily spent in attendance at Grand Lodge business.

5. I recommend that the Grand Lodge Statutes be amended, providing for a maximum of not over ten Ritualistic teams to compete at the Grand Lodge Convention for the national championship. Obviously it would be impossible for 48 teams to be heard at the Grand Lodge Convention, or for one set of judges properly to judge 48 contesting teams, and arrangements should be perfected so that the winners of certain state contests would compete in a regional competition and that the 8 or 10 regional winners should compete at the national convention.

6. I recommend continued strict enforcement of the Grand Lodge Statutes against gambling.

7. I believe the times require an amendment to Section 144 of the Grand Lodge Statutes to provide that no person shall be accepted as a member of this Order who is or has been a member of the Communist Party or who is in any way affiliated with Communists, or Communistic activities, and I recommend that our official applications for membership be supplemented by the proper questions to cover this situation.

Conclusion

I sincerely hope that our great Order will be better and finer because of my stewardship. I sincerely trust that I have, in a small way, been able to awaken the Elks of America to the dangers confronting America.

I sincerely trust that you will extend to my successor the same cooperation and assistance that you have extended to me, and I pledge to my successor my whole-hearted support in any activity that he may call upon me to assist.

I love our Order; I want to continue to help make our country the kind of country of which we can be proud, that we may hand down to our children and grandchildren the kind of nation which was bequeathed to us.

To all my Brothers I extend my deepest fraternal greetings and my sincerest wishes for your continued health and happiness.

L. A. LEWIS
Grand Exalted Ruler

News of the STATE ASSOCIATIONS

WYOMING

Elks from all corners of Wyoming and surrounding States gathered at Cheyenne May 28th and 29th to attend the Annual Convention of the Wyoming Elks Assn. A most interesting and varied program was offered during this conclave which was the largest and most colorful in the State's history.

Casper Lodge won the Ritualistic Contest and another highlight of the Session was the initiation of 22 new members including five members of the Truppel Family, in a ceremony conducted by Cheyenne Lodge. A well-attended Dutch lunch followed the initiation.

The session was opened by Pres. T. Joe Cahill on Saturday morning, following which Chaplain Con J. O'Neill gave the invocation. Mayor Ben G. Nelson, initiated during the meeting as a member of the host lodge, welcomed the crowd to Cheyenne and Gov. Lester C. Hunt, another Elk, spoke on behalf of Wyoming. Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen was also a speaker.

A big event of the meeting was a banquet and floor show at which about 500 members had a wonderful time.

New officers are: Pres., E. H. Polly, Sheridan; 1st Vice-Pres., L. G. Mehse, Laramie; 2nd Vice-Pres., Kenny Sehner, Riverton; 3rd Vice-Pres., Fred Houchens, Jackson; Chaplain, Con J. O'Neill, Casper; Inner Guard, E. M. Loy, Torrington; Sgt.-at-Arms, Joe Spangler, Greybull; Trustee (three years), Jimmy Davis, Rock Springs, and Secy.-Treas., Andy Stager, Sheridan. The 1949 meeting will take place at Sheridan.

TEXAS

This year's meeting of the Texas Elks State Association had one of the largest attendances in its history. At this, the 23rd Annual Session, over 500 registrations were recorded.

The Convention, held at the home of Beaumont Lodge, opened on June 3rd with a Ritualistic Contest in which Houston, Beaumont, Odessa, Fort Worth and Baytown Lodges competed. Houston Lodge took first prize, with Beaumont second and Baytown third. The ladies of Beaumont Lodge were hostesses at an open house party for the distaff side of the Conventioners Thursday afternoon, and that evening the Past Presidents Dinner Dance was held, and at which Past Grand Exalted Rulers William Hawley Atwell and Dr. Robert South Barrett were present. They were escorted to the banquet room by D.D. Charles E. Jones. After the introductions of the Past Presidents and their ladies, Pres. V. A. Powell introduced Judge Atwell who delivered an inspiring address. Past Pres. Dr. Harry A. Logs-

don presented to Mr. and Mrs. Powell a chest of sterling silver as a token of appreciation of the Association. Mr. Powell also received an Honorary Life Membership Card from P.D.D. Bert Levy who made the presentation on behalf of Amarillo Lodge, the Association and the Grand Lodge. Gifts were also handed to Secy. H. S. Rubenstein.

At the Friday session, addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor Otho Plummer, E.R. Ray M. Acosta and L. P. Tullos, Pres. of the Chamber of Commerce. The responses were made by Past Presidents John D. Carter, George Strauss and Chas. E. Smeltz. At the Memorial Services, which were most moving, Past Pres. H. S. Rubenstein presided. That afternoon, the business session was addressed by Dr. Barrett, Dr. Duncan C. McKeever, Chairman of the Medical Staff of the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Institute, and Mrs. Jo Wilcox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Jones. Entertainment that day included a ladies' luncheon and a Hillbilly Dance in the evening.

On Saturday the winning Ritualistic Teams received their trophies, as did the individual winners. Then the scholarship awards were made: \$300 to Michael T. Panos, \$200 to Virginia K. Webber, \$100 to Truman R. Kemper and a final award of \$50 was made to Nancy Boothe.

The following officers were elected and installed: Pres., Carl R. Mann, Baytown; Vice-Presidents: R. P. Willis, Wichita Falls; Wm. D. Chauncey, San Antonio; Louis L. Carpenter, Belton; Numa Williams, Longview; Steve F. Gallagher, Beaumont, and Glen D. Chase, Plainview; Secy., H. S. Rubenstein, Brenham; Treas., J. Rollie Pray, Fort Worth; Trustee TESA (five years) W. E. McGibbony, Marshall; Trustee, TECCI (eight years), George W. Loudermilk, Dallas. Mr. Loudermilk passed away shortly after the Convention was held.

The closing day of the meeting found a round of entertaining activities, including a tremendous parade, a barbecue dinner, and the President's Ball. San Antonio was selected as host for the 1949 meeting of this group.

On Sunday, June 6th, Fort Arthur Lodge was host to an open house party and the 1948 meeting of the TESA was concluded.

KANSAS

Wichita Lodge was host to this year's meeting of the Kansas State Elks Association on May 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Attended by 1,000 Elks, the meeting was honored by the presence of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, Special Deputy Floyd Brown, D.D.'s

W. C. Nunn and Joe S. Sterner of Kansas, Phil McMullen of Oklahoma, and several Past District Deputies.

Gifts made by the Association during the year included two \$300 scholarships to most worthy physically handicapped high school seniors, Ramon Earl Keller and Warren Murrey. The Association donated \$400 to the Kansas Children's Home and Service League and allocated \$1,000 to a Special Charity Fund.

Luncheons, shows and dinners were held for the ladies, stag dinners for the men and a Grand Ball for all in honor of Mr. Warner climaxed the affair at which it was decided to return to Wichita for the 1949 meeting on May 13, 14 and 15. Until that time the following men will lead the Association: Pres., Fred Kelly, Salina; Vice-Pres., N.W., J. R. Schiefen, Goodland; Vice-Pres., S.W., Harold Cox, Garden City; Vice-Pres., N.E., Joe White, Topeka; Vice-Pres., S.E., Carl O. Pingry, Pittsburg; Secy., S. E. Patterson, Augusta; Treas., Clay E. Hedrick, Newton; Trustees, Milt L. Stoffer, Ottawa, Roscoe Moore, Great Bend, Forest E. Link, Pratt, and William Sherman, El Dorado.

GEORGIA

The 47th Annual Convention of the Georgia Elks Assn. held in the city of Savannah May 22nd, 23rd and 24th, climaxed a year's successful work under the capable leadership of Pres. Jesse D. Jewell and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland. Sixty Past Exalted Rulers met at dinner on the opening day and formed the P.E.R.'s Assn. of Georgia. Six teams competed for possession of the J. Bush Trophy in the Ritualistic Contest, and the honor of representing its State in the Grand Lodge Contest went to Buckhead Lodge.

Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Bert A. Thompson of Green Bay, Wis., delivered the principal address at the dinner-dance which took place Saturday evening. Past Pres. Edward A. Dutton, former member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, was General Chairman for the Convention and acted as Toastmaster at the dinner.

Reports of the lodge Secretaries showed a net gain in membership for the State of 1,289, not including the new lodges instituted at Bainbridge in April and Vidalia in May. Brunswick Lodge will be host next year.

The officers for the year are: Pres., Loomis Taylor, Dublin; Vice-Presidents: Sidney Smith, Augusta; Dr. I. H. Etheridge, Atlanta, and H. C. Eberhardt, Valdosta; Secy.-Treas., Robert E. Lee Reynolds, Atlanta (reelected); Chaplain, Rev. Father Joseph Driscoll, Dalton, and Sgt.-at-Arms, A. O. Hadden, Dublin.

**THE STATE ASSOCIATIONS COMMITTEE
REPORTS THE FOLLOWING
CONVENTION DATES FOR 1948**

State	Place	Date
Wisconsin	Madison	Aug. 26-27-28
Virginia	Alexandria	Aug. 29-30-31
Ohio	Cedar Point (Sandusky)	Aug. 29 to Sept. 2
Pennsylvania	Reading	August 30-31, Sept. 1-2-3
Md., Del., and D.C. Assn.	Wilmington, Dela.,	Sept. 2-3-4-5-6
New Mexico	Las Vegas	Sept. 10-11-12
Tennessee	Knoxville	Sept. 17-18
Colorado	Fort Collins	Sept. 17-18-19
California	Santa Cruz	Oct. 6-7-8-9
New Hamp- shire	Dover	Oct. 9-10



1. NORTH DAKOTA

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At the banquet held in conjunction with the North Dakota State Elks Assn. Convention were, left to right: D.D. A. C. Thorkelson, retiring State Pres. Mack V. Traynor, Congressman Charles Robertson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, P.D.D. R. C. Dobson, Toastmaster, Grand Trustee Sam Stern, E.R. Al Grove of Minot Lodge, newly elected State Pres. Everett Palmer and State Association Chaplain N. E. Ellsworth.



2. KANSAS

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The officers of Garden City Lodge took championship honors in the State Ritualistic Contest held during the Kansas State Association Convention.



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These boys make up the Arizona Industrial School Band. Their uniforms and musical instruments are furnished by the Arizona State Elks Assn.

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The State Championship Ritualistic Team of Eugene, Oregon, Lodge.

3. ARIZONA



4. OREGON

ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE ELKS NATIONAL

VETERANS SERVICE

COMMISSION

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Veterans enjoy a Bingo Party put on for them by the Virginia State Elks.



1. VIRGINIA ELKS ASSN.

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Chairman Robert N. Traver and members of the Veterans Committee of the California Elks Association make a delivery of a truckload of scrap material to the VA Hospital at Sawtell.



2. CALIFORNIA ELKS ASSN.

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An annual event of Middletown, Ohio, Lodge is the big vaudeville show it stages at the VA Hospital in Dayton. Here are 1948's troupe and producers.



3. MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

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The New Hampshire State Elks Assn. receives a Certificate of Achievement from the U.S. Navy in recognition of its assistance to hospitalized Naval veterans. Left to right are Harry Winebaum of Portsmouth Lodge, Rear Admiral J. H. Brown, Jr., Cmdr., Naval Base, Past Grand Inner Guard Charles T. Durell, Chairman of the N.H. Elks Veterans Service Committee, and Past Exalted Ruler T. J. Loughlin.

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Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis holds the leather brief case made for him by veterans at the Naval Hospital in Corona, in appreciation for what the California Elks have done for disabled veterans there. USN Nurse Lt. Clara Moore stands at left, with paraplegic veteran Ensign Robert A. Evans, Jr., seated center.



4. NEW HAMPSHIRE ELKS ASSN.



5. CALIFORNIA ELKS

CHICAGO LODGE

"YEAR-ROUND SANTA"

ONE OF THE outstanding highlights of the visit of Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis to Chicago early this year was his tour of the Illinois Hospital School for Crippled Children. So impressed was he that he remarked that it was one of the finest projects on behalf of handicapped children he had come in contact with in Elksdom.

Under the regime of Frank J. Jacobson, two-year Exalted Ruler of Chicago, Ill., Lodge, No. 4, a policy was adopted to bring happiness to crippled children. It has turned out to be one of the greatest accomplishments of the lodge. It was P.E.R. Jacobson's belief that while Christmas parties for such children were all to the good, it was really an Elk duty to bring holiday happiness to crippled children every day of the year; he consequently set up a committee which was to engage actively in work for the pleasure and welfare of these children all year round.

The State built and furnished the Children's Hospital School for Crippled Children because of the great need in the State for a haven where hopelessly physically handicapped children might not only receive therapy but also be given class instruction, since their handicaps prevented their attendance at regular school. From the moment the institution was opened, Chicago Lodge began its work, and while there were only 24 children living there at that time, by the end of the year there will be about 90, all of whom will be personal proteges of this Elk committee.

The children come from all over the State, and race, creed and color are not considered in connection with their admittance. The program of the lodge includes weekly visits, the celebration of children's birthdays and as much outside activity as it is possible for these unfortunate youngsters to enjoy. The primary thought is to give them a new zest and interest in life, thus making them realize they are not objects of curiosity or pity and to inspire them to take a definite place in the social world around them. The first chairman of the committee, the late Elmer L. Strout, conceived the idea of a roof garden to be built and furnished by the lodge on the roof of the hospital where these children could be taken out into the sunshine on their stretchers and wheel chairs. The sudden and untimely death of Brother Strout in a plane crash did not put an end to this project; rather it inspired the committee to carry out his plans and the roof garden is now ready for the children's enjoyment.

The present chairman, G. Harvey Ward, and the committee have taken these children to Cub baseball games, the rodeo, the circus and a full day's outing in Brookfield Zoo.

None of these youngsters, because of their grave physical handicaps, had ever seen any of these things which are so much a part of the average child's life. Each time the Chicago Elks take their charges out, it means a caravan consisting of large trailer coach buses, ambulances for stretcher cases and a ten-ton moving truck for the wheel chairs. Enough Elk committeemen are on hand each time so that every child has a personal attendant. The very capable superintendent of the hospital, Richard Eddy, and several nurses are also in each party.

Under the sponsorship of No. 4, fully recognized and instituted Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops and a Cub Pack consisting entirely of the crippled children of the hospital have been established. They have their regular meetings and in every way operate under the Scout Codes.

Chicago Lodge is the only organization permitted to work with these children, and close cooperation and pleasant relations exist between the staff and teachers of the hospital and the members of the lodge.



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1 Under the sponsorship of Chicago Lodge, fully recognized and instituted Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops and a Cub Pack consisting entirely of these crippled children have been established and are operating.

2 Until the Elks took a hand, the circus was only a dream to these youngsters; now they experience that annual thrill of the sawdust and side show, familiar to all of us.

3 Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis made a tour of the Illinois Hospital School for Crippled Children and found evidence of the happy spirits of the patients, a condition occasioned by the deep interest of Chicago Elks.



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News of the SUBORDINATE LODGES

TORRINGTON, CONN., Lodge, No. 372, closed the three-day celebration of its 50th Anniversary with a program which drew some of the Order's high dignitaries and 250 dinner guests.

James L. McGovern, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, was the principal speaker. He warned the audience to be on guard against those who would threaten American democracy.

Dr. John F. Parnell was Chairman of the Committee in charge of the program, and P.D.D. Francis W. Hogan acted as Toastmaster. Mayor William A. Kilmartin, D.D.'s Cornelius H. McGuinness and Arthur J. Roy, P.E.R. Lester M. Shea of Willimantic Lodge, and George J. Grasser, Pres. of the Connecticut State Health Assn., were speakers on this program, together with E.R. Timothy P. Murphy.

The dinner program took the form of a handsome gold pamphlet to which was attached a smaller gold booklet giving a brief history of Torrington Lodge's growth during the past eventful 50 years.

ELKS NATIONAL BOWLING ASSN. The 28th Annual Tournament of the Elks National Bowling Assn. took place in Rochester, N. Y., and was the second largest in the history of the organization.

There were 874 entries in the five-man event with 138 prizes totaling \$6,026. This was won by a team from Detroit, Mich., the Westlof Tool & Die, knocking over 3,084 pins. In the doubles, in which 1,570 were entered with 239 prizes totaling \$4,332, W. Reppenhagen and B. Williams, also of Detroit, walked off with the first prize after taking care of 1,327 pins. An entry total of 3,124 participated in the singles events for 486 prizes totaling \$4,310.20. This part of the tourney was taken by A. R. Popp of Toledo, Ohio, with a score of 688. Mr. Popp also took first prize for the high game, an individual event, and Harold Asplund of Detroit was tops in all events, receiving a diamond medal. In the five-man event Mr. Asplund was responsible for 677 pins, in the two-man, 563 pins, in the individual, 682 pins, to rack up a total of 1,922 pins to his credit.

Five Good Fellowship prizes were awarded: five-man, 161 prizes totaling \$4,025; doubles, 289 prizes totaling \$2,890; singles, 575 prizes totaling \$2,875. A total of 1,888 cash prizes was distributed to the tune of \$24,458.20.

The 1949 Tournament of the Association will be held in Battle Creek, Mich., in March and April, with Battle Creek Lodge No. 131 as host. For information contact E. N. Quinn, Secy. of the Assn., P. O. Box 29, Madison 1, Wis. Entries will close Feb. 15, 1949.

Bowling enthusiasts from Grand Rapids, Mich., Lodge, the Esquires Bowling Team, made the trip by car to Rochester this year as self-appointed Elk Ambassadors of Good-will. They are Alfred P. Brechting, Anthony J. Erhardt, Joseph H. Murry, John Jarosik, and Walter H. Sack. These men have participated in the National Tournaments since 1935. They stopped at over a dozen lodge homes this year.

OHIO S. E. DIST. Election of new officers featured the closing session of the annual Spring conference of the Ohio S. E. District Elks in Zanesville. P.E.R. Nelson Heil of Bellaire was named President, R. F. Meese, Dover, Vice-Pres., and Tom Maley, East Liverpool, Secy.-Treas. The two-day conference was attended by over 350 Elks. Besides business meetings, the affair included a quartet elimination contest, won by New Philadelphia Lodge, dancing, and bridge and theater parties for the ladies. Present were officials of the Ohio State Elks Assn., including Pres. Dr. V. E. Berg, Vice-Pres. J. K. Maurer, Treas. C. W. Wallace and Trustee James Lynch, and several Past Presidents. Wm. J. Beers, Chairman of the Ohio N. W. District, was another visitor.

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Lodge, No. 247, mourns the loss of P.E.R. E. Knox Little who passed away last April.

Mr. Knox was the last surviving Charter Member of Newburgh Lodge, having been elected to membership on Oct. 24, 1892, a period of 56 years. He served his lodge as Exalted Ruler from 1892 until March 25, 1895.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Lodge, No. 920, had the pleasure of hearing an address by P.D.D. Thomas C. Mee recently when he attended installation exercises of the Elks' Realty Corp. not long ago.

Besides P.D.D. Mee, the speakers included Rev. Joseph J. Charon, Pres. Patrick J. Devlin of the Corp., and several others. At that meeting Mr. Devlin was installed as President of the Corporation for the third term.

NEWTON, MASS., Lodge, No. 1327, dedicated its renovated headquarters at a meeting not long ago, when Grand Lodge officers and Past Exalted Rulers assisted in the ceremony.

E.R. Nicholas Veducchio opened the meeting, and Esq. Arthur T. Wasserman escorted Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson to the platform for the dedication exercises. Mr. Nicholson was assisted by Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan and John F. Malley, Past Grand Treas. John F. Burke, Edward A. Spry, a member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, D.D. Harry A. McGrath and State Vice-Pres. John A. O'Brien.

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Here are the judges and other officials in charge of the Ohio State Ritualistic Contest staged recently in Columbus and won by the team from Painesville Lodge. They include Grand Treasurer Joseph B. Kyle, Past District Deputy L. H. Hamilton, and many other Elk dignitaries.

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Alex W. Crane, right, Trustee of Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge, hands General Campaign Chairman Frank C. Brophy a \$2,500 check as his lodge's contribution toward furnishing five rooms in the new St. Joseph's Hospital. E.R. T. R. Mofford is placing the sign denoting the lodge's memorial gift.

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Left to right: E.R. Louis C. Underwood, P.D.D. Fred R. West and P.E.R. Al Wingren are pictured at the meeting of Ketchikan, Alaska, Lodge when a \$25,000 check was given the lodge by the Elks Club toward the construction of the lodge's new \$160,000 home which should be completed this year.

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This photo was taken on Elberton, Ga., Lodge's observance of "Hartwell Night" when ten candidates from the neighboring city of Hartwell were initiated. The officers stand at rear.

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Principal figures at the observance of Torrington, Conn., Lodge's 50th Anniversary were, left to right, Dr. John F. Parnell, general chairman; D.D. Cornelius McGuinness; E.R. Timothy Murphy, Toastmaster Francis W. Hogan, James L. McGovern, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, and Mayor William A. Kilmartin, a lodge member.

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San Benito, Tex., Lodge's Scholarships are presented at the commencement exercises of the local high school. Left to right are graduates Robert Selleck, Marjorie Bennett and Kenneth Hill holding the awards given to them by P.E.R. Chas. C. Bowle, left.

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This cast of Dover, Ohio, Lodge's Minstrel Show, "Emerge-N-See", played to 3,600 persons in three evening performances, raising \$2,358 for the new addition to the Union Hospital.



1. PAINESVILLE, OHIO



2. PHOENIX, ARIZ.



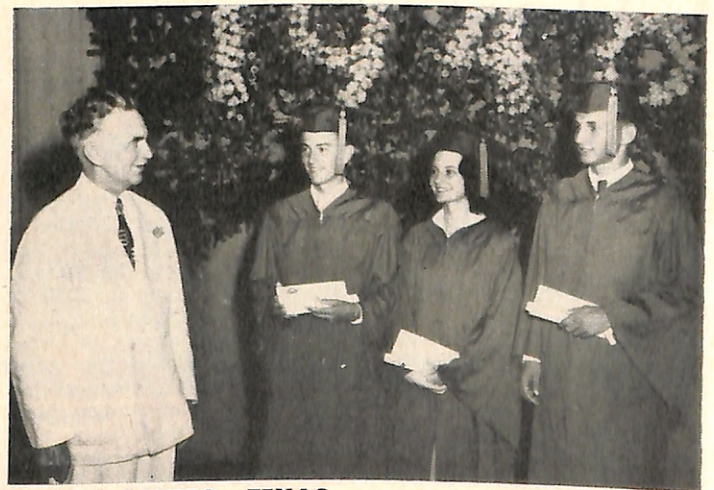
3. KETCHIKAN, ALASKA



4. ELBERTON, GA.



5. TORRINGTON, CONN.



6. SAN BENITO, TEXAS



7. DOVER, OHIO

THE ORDER MOURNS WILLIAM T. PHILLIPS



ON JUNE 5, 1948, the Order suffered the loss of one of its most loyal and devoted members, William T. Phillips, whose record in Elksdom is one to be emulated and respected. He passed away at his home in Wellfleet, Mass., at the age of 73 and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Belle Roberts Phillips.

Brother Phillips, an Elk since the turn of the century, had an enviable career in the Order he loved. A member of the Mother Lodge, New York, N. Y., No. 1, he was Exalted Ruler of that lodge for two years, from 1905 through 1907, and a Trustee until 1920 when he was elected to the office of Secretary, in which capacity he served until 1941.

Mr. Phillips' career in the Grand Lodge has been equally active. He was appointed District Deputy for

New York Southeast in 1909 and again the following year.

In 1913 he was Secretary to Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Leach and was a member of the Grand Lodge Ritual Committee in 1913-14, of the Ritual Commission in 1915-16-17-18, of the Good of the Order Committee in 1920, the Sanderson Memorial Committee in 1922, the Leach Memorial Committee in 1924, the Ritualistic Committee in 1928, and the State Associations Committee in 1930 through 1933, being Chairman of that body for three terms. In 1935 he was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Judge James T. Hallinan who had been elected Grand Exalted Ruler. In 1936 through 1938 he was Secretary of that group, Home

Member from 1938 to 1940 and that year was appointed Chairman.

The New York State Elks Association also received the benefit of Mr. Phillips' untiring efforts. In 1913 he was elected Vice President; in 1929, President, and in 1940, Secretary. He also served as Trustee of the Association, on various committees of that group, and as Chairman of the Elks Special Welfare Committee.

The Order's impressive ritualistic memorial services were exemplified at the home of New York No. 1 Lodge the evening of June 7th.

Past Grand Exalted Rulers Judge Murray Hulbert and James R. Nicholson, who addressed the gathering among which were numerous Elks from New England, where Mr. Phillips was well known. They included James L. McGovern, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee; Col. Edward J. Hickey, State Police Commissioner of Connecticut; Judge Martin J. Cunningham, Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, and many others.

Religious services were held at the Church of the Ascension in New York City on June 10th, and interment took place at Woodlawn Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers included Past Grand Exalted Rulers Judge Hulbert, Judge James T. Hallinan, Raymond Benjamin, Charles Spencer Hart and Mr. Nicholson, George I. Hall, recently elected Grand Exalted Ruler, William Frasier, executive secretary of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, Col. Hickey, Judge Cunningham, Mr. McGovern, all the Past Exalted Rulers of New York Lodge, and several others of Mr. Phillips' friends.

A man whose personal principles were those of the Order, Mr. Phillips for the past several years has written the inspiring editorials published in *The Elks Magazine*. All his Brother Elks will miss his kindly advice and those who knew him personally will feel the loss of his generous, warm personality.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO., Lodge, No. 1001, has organized a Boy Scout Troop, which will be under the leadership of Dr. George J. Erskin, who has had 15 years' scouting experience. Dr. James P. Henderson will head the 12-man executive committee. The new troop was originally composed of about 16 youths and is expected to grow by leaps and bounds. Various items of equipment have been authorized for purchase by the Trustees of the lodge.

In organizing the Troop, Excelsior Springs Lodge became the first in Missouri to take such a step. At the recent State Convention of the Missouri

Elks Association in Joplin, the delegates voted to promote the national program of sponsoring Boy Scout Troops.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Lodge, No. 392, lost its beautiful home several weeks ago in a spectacular fire. The only good thing about it was that the fire did not start a few minutes later. If it had, many might have been trapped, because a regular meeting was scheduled.

The building, one of the landmarks of Charlotte, was completely destroyed at a loss of about \$200,000. The cause of the conflagration was unknown, but

the Fire Dept. reported that it was one of the "fastest" blazes ever fought.

The home was purchased exactly four years before it burned down and the mortgage on the property was destroyed in November, 1946.

Immediate steps were taken to find a location for a new lodge building, and E.R. James B. Rowe estimated that the rebuilding of the home would be accomplished before the end of the year. Shortly after the fire, the lodge held its annual P.E.R.'s Night at a local club with dinner and an initiation of a class of new members. This marked No. 392's Golden Anniversary.



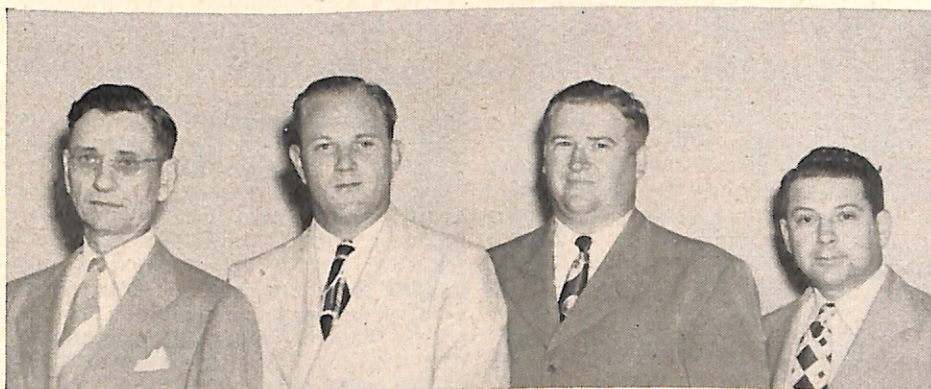
1. ST. GEORGE "DIXIE", UTAH

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This photograph was taken at the institution of St. George, "Dixie", Utah, Lodge, and includes officers and members. Representatives of all Utah lodges and many from the surrounding States were present. D.D. Byron D. Jones conducted the institution ceremonies, and Grand Est. Lead. Knight D. E. Lambourne was on hand.

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When Vidalia, Ga., Lodge was instituted E.R. A. C. Jenkins, Est. Lead. Knight John Patrick, Est. Loyal Knight J. F. Murchison and Est. Lect. Knight H. B. Estroff were photographed. Special Deputy Roderick M. McDuffie represented the Grand Exalted Ruler.



2. VIDALIA, GA.

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This is a small corner of the crowded ballroom of Port Huron, Mich., Lodge during a recent ladies' card party.



3. PORT HURON, MICH.

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The cast of a Minstrel Show put on by Newport News, Va., Lodge as its annual charity benefit. These able performers played later for the veterans at Maguire Hospital in Richmond.



4. NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

NEWS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Lodge, No. 24, as well as the entire Order, lost one of its most devoted members when D. Curtis Gano, an Elk since 1902, passed away at the age of 75.

Mr. Gano was elected Exalted Ruler of Rochester Lodge in 1907. He helped organize lodges in Albion, Medina, Penn Yan and Wellsville and only a short time ago began aiding in the instituting of a lodge in Wolcott. He was a former District Deputy and a Past President of the New York State Elks Assn. An attorney, he served as a member of the Committee on Judiciary. Mr. Gano was the author of "Gano's Commercial Law", which is used as a high-school textbook.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

MARION, IND., Lodge, No. 195, put on one of the best circus performances ever staged in its city for the benefit of the National Cancer Research Fund, the principal charitable interest of the Indiana State Elks Assn.

The huge Memorial Coliseum was transformed into a veritable big top and nearly 100 men and women arenic stars and performers, together with animal actors, put on a breath-taking show for more than 7,500 persons, bringing in a most satisfying amount of money for the Cancer Fund.

Marion Elks were saddened recently by the death of P.E.R. Dr. George S. Grubb, associated with the lodge for the past 35 years, who died at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife, one son, a daughter and a sister.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Lodge, No. 1310, recently paid honor to several of its members when it presented Honorary Life Memberships to Judge T. S. Sease, Federal Judge C. C. Wyche and D.D. E. W. Johnson. Mr. Johnson presented the memberships to the jurists, while his own was handed to him by E.R. J. P. Earle. Sen. Olin D. Johnston, who holds an Honorary Life Membership in Columbia Lodge, addressed the gathering. The roll of No. 1310 includes two former Assistant Secretaries of State who served under former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. They are Donald Russell and Walter Brown.

FULTON, N. Y., Lodge, No. 830, paid honor to State Vice-Pres. Roland Quade at his homecoming visit recently. Over 400 Elks were on hand, and a large class of candidates was initiated in his honor. Among those present for the affair were delegations from Watertown, Lowville, Syracuse, Auburn, Seneca Falls, Geneva, Penn Yan, Lyons, Oneida, Oswego and Rome Lodges.

ELKHART, IND., Lodge, No. 425, celebrated its 50th Anniversary recently with a gala program. The lodge's first Exalted Ruler, R. Carl Barney,

who received a gold certificate symbolizing a Life Membership, shared the spotlight with Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner who was the principal speaker.

The banquet program was followed by a floor show and the jubilee continued to the following evening when dances were held in two rooms of the lodge and open house for local and visiting members drew large crowds. A feature of the Anniversary was the publishing of an interesting booklet about No. 425, replete with photos and commentaries regarding officials and committees and other interesting personalities of the lodge.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Lodge, No. 1046, is located in what is commonly known as the "Hub City of the Dakotas". Last April, the "King of Funmakers", Art Linkletter, flew to Aberdeen with a party of 12 to broadcast his popular audience-participation programs, "House Party", which is a daily radio feature, and "People Are Funny" program, a weekly program. The "House Party" broadcast originated in the city's Civic Theater, which has a seating capacity of 1,700. The proceeds of the broadcasts were put to the Elks Charity Fund which disburses thousands of dollars annually for the relief of the needy. This program put the Order into the homes of about 17,000,000 radio listeners.

The 16th was the Elks Annual Homecoming celebration, and the "People Are Funny" program was broadcast from the auditorium-arena, with a seating capacity of 5,500, which was just about large enough for the 1600 Elks and their families.

In the round of social functions in honor of the visiting celebrity and his wife was a "Meet Linkletter" program at the home of the lodge on the evening of Apr. 12. This was a turn-the-tables-on-Linkletter affair, when many of the pranks the radio entertainer is famous for were pulled on him by an amateur magician and others.

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Past Grand Est. Lead. Knight George Hastings shows the score sheet to E.R. Jack Oberle of Burbank, Calif., Lodge, whose team won the Ritualistic Contest of the South Central District of Calif. Left to right are P.E.R.'s Arthur Timmons, Glendale, V. S. Gray, Burbank, Mr. Hastings, E. R. Oberle and P.E.R. Edward Olson.

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Here are some of the 250 Kokomo, Ind., School Patrol Boys who attended the annual picnic held for them by the local lodge. P.E.R. Hugh O'Reair has been Chairman for 20 years.

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Arriving by plane from Hollywood, Art Linkletter and his wife are given the Key to the City by Aberdeen, S.D., Mayor J. E. Gorder. At the airport were, left to right: L. H. Ickler, Pres. of the Civic Association; Mr. Linkletter, Mayor Gorder, Mrs. Linkletter, P. T. Talcott, and Exalted Ruler Leo Pietz of Aberdeen Lodge.

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Here are the members of Sharon, Pa., Lodge, of 35 years or more affiliation with the Order, who were given Life Memberships in their lodge recently.

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Little 18-month-old Teryl Lee Maier, born blind, reaches from the arms of her father to seize the doll given her by San Fernando, Calif., Lodge, as she sees for the first time, a miracle brought about with the assistance of the members of San Fernando Lodge. P.E.R. John Van Deest holds the doll.

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On "Hobby Night" at Redondo Beach, Calif., Lodge, when members displayed exhibits of their hobbies, first prize was won by L. C. Ammon, pictured with Exalted Ruler Lowell Hopkins, left, and the nose of his streamlined engine. Three coaches, equally modern in design, go with it.

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Mrs. Chester Bechtel, guest at Pottstown, Pa., Lodge's Ladies Night, receives one of the 125 gifts presented by E.R. Chester E. White while Secy. Walter S. Zimmerman, second from left, Est. Lect. Knight Joseph R. Whitacre, center, and Est. Leading Knight Stanley E. Harp, right, look on.

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Miss Florence Begay, second from left, a full-blooded Navajo Indian, is pictured with her father and mother, left and right, and Frank Gold at the presentation of the \$300 Elks National Foundation Scholarship from the Arizona State Elks Assn. The presentation took place at a program on the Courthouse Lawn in Flagstaff.



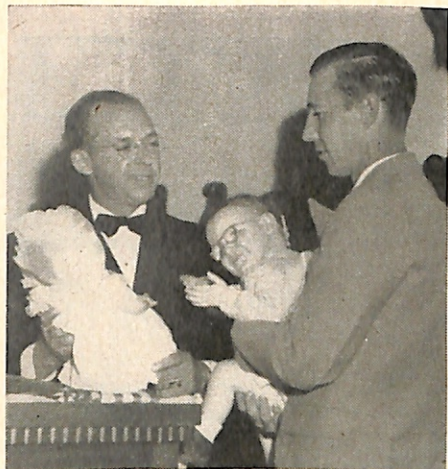
8. KOKOMO, IND.



1. ABERDEEN, S. D.



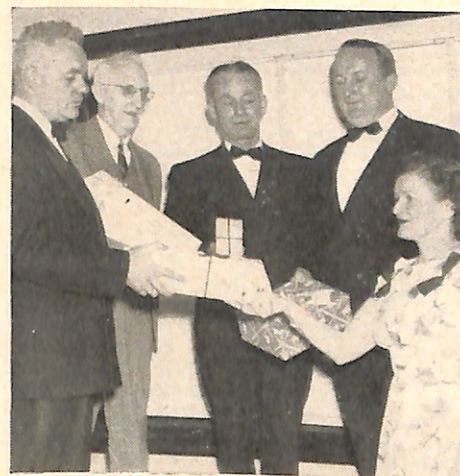
2. SHARON, PA.



3. SAN FERNANDO, CALIF.



4. REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.



5. POTTSTOWN, PA.



6. ARIZONA STATE ELKS ASSN.



7. BURBANK, CALIF.



NEWS OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES

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This splendid group of men holds the leadership of California's new Elks Lodge at Susanville this term.

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Manuel Brickel distributes to the principals of Bangor, Me., grade schools raincoats and hats for 66 boys of the School Safety Patrol, a gift of the local lodge. Inspector William Bridges of the Bangor Police and William Viner, a member of the Bangor Lodge of Elks stand at the left.

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A delegation of New York, N. Y., Elks pay tribute to the memory of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward F. Leach at memorial services at Riverside Cemetery in Waterbury, Conn. Joined by members of the local lodge, they include Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson and P.E.R. J. Chris Mitchel of New York Lodge, pictured placing a wreath on the grave, E.R. Harold A. Ashley and Est. Leading Knight Maurice C. Griffin of Waterbury Lodge, and E.R. Patrick S. Mason of New York Lodge who conducted the Memorial Service.

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At a recent meeting of Towson, Md., Lodge, the officers were pictured with Gov. William Preston Lane, Jr., a member, standing third from right, and D.D. Richard C. Munson, standing center.

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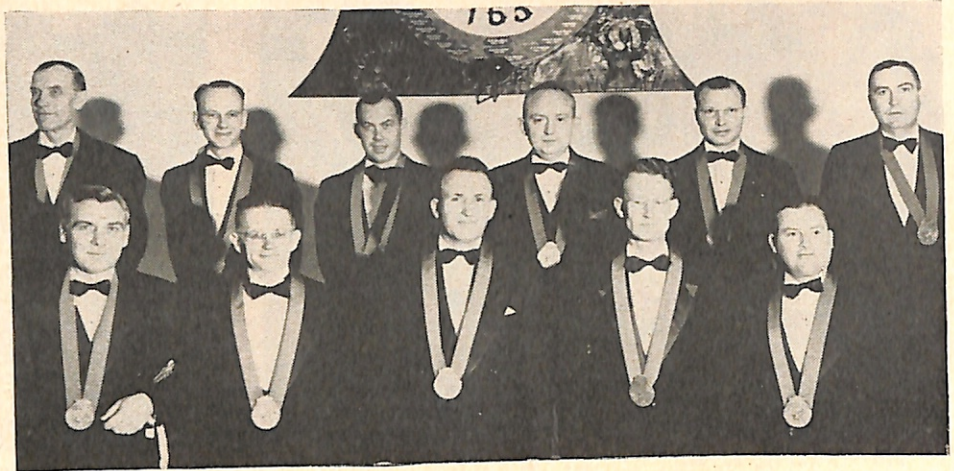
When State Pres. Daughly Gould paid his homecoming visit to Montpelier, Vt., Lodge, a "Big Free Feed" was put on, with each guest bringing an item as a gift to the local hospital.

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Public address equipment is presented by Waltham, Mass., Lodge to the Fernald State School. Pictured here are Elk and School trustees as E.R. Charles J. Martin hands the plaque for the equipment to P.E.R. T. K. Ware, School Trustee Chairman.

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Here is the Baseball Team sponsored by Springfield, Mass., Lodge as part of its Youth Activity Program. Not in uniform, left, are Committeemen Bob Meagher and Ed O'Brien and on the right, Coach Tom Connery and Exalted Ruler Michael F. Coyne.



1. SUSANVILLE, CALIF.



2. BANGOR, ME.



3. NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Long Branch, N. J., Lodge presents a respirator bed to Monmouth Memorial Hospital for the polio ward. The third of its type to be manufactured in this country, the bed weighs 1,800 pounds, costs \$2,400 and takes the place of the iron lung. Left to right are Chaplain Rabbi Aaron Lefkowitz, P.E.R. Joseph Schwark, Treas. Carlton T. Warwick, Secy. John J. Clancy, Secretary of the Crippled Children's Committee, Esq. Robert Nolan, Lect. Knight Joseph Burns, 2nd, P.E.R. Charles Peters, Treas. of the Committee, Joseph Putterman, Committee Chairman, and E.R. Frank Graziano.

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The Crippled Children's Committee of Mobile, Ala., Lodge is honored at a testimonial banquet in recognition of their winning second place in the United States in collecting money during the past year for the Elks Crippled Children Fund.

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Retiring Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, center, is pictured with the officers of Whittier, Calif., Lodge on his return from a visit to Honolulu.



4. TOWSON, MD.



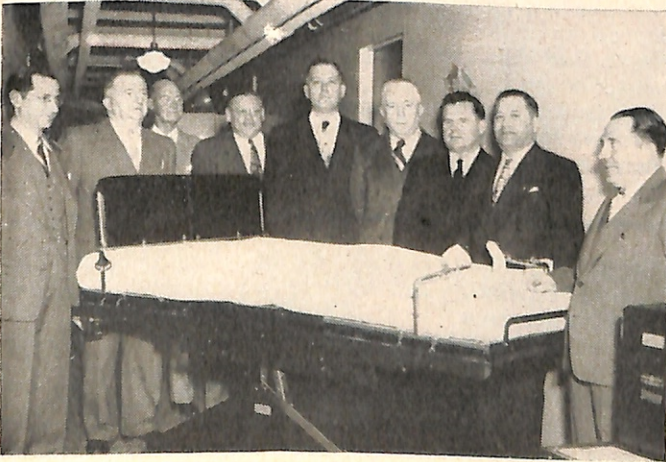
5. MONTPELIER, VT.



6. WALTHAM, MASS.



7. SPRINGFIELD, MASS.



8. LONG BRANCH, N. J.



9. MOBILE, ALA.



10. WHITTIER, CALIF.

editorial

A GOOD JOB WELL DONE



IT SEEMS a short time since the Grand Lodge requested Lafayette A. Lewis to assume leadership of the Order in its forward march. It has been an eventful year in the history of the Order, a year which sees its membership at the highest in its history; its financial position, both in the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges, at its soundest, and its prestige across the continent at the highest level.

Mr. Lewis' year in office has demanded much of him. His travels have been prodigious, visiting, as he has, subordinate lodges both inside and outside of the continental limits of the United States. One hundred and forty-two visits made by the Grand Exalted Ruler have been reported in our pages. His strenuous exertions against the menace of Communism would have taxed the strength of a lesser man, and his vigorous campaign for the development of the Boy Scouts of America has produced remarkable results. Mr. Lewis also threw the considerable weight of his office as the head of the Order, and the strength of his own personal prestige into the Order's program of service to Veterans.

It was with its usual sound judgment in choosing its officers that the Grand Lodge picked Lafayette A. Lewis, of Anaheim, Calif., Lodge, No. 1345, to head its administration for the past year. During his wide travels he spoke before many lodges, always with a wealth of sentiment for the ideals for which he stands. On all sides he was enthusiastically received, and everywhere he left behind him the impression of a forthright man with an admirable goal; the impression of a man who exults in the knowledge that he has given a year of unselfish service, personal sacrifice and unremitting devotion to the duties of his office.

We welcome him to the group of Past Grand Exalted Rulers, where he will gladly be received by those who have preceded him, and where he will give freely of his talents and sound judgment for the further advancement of the Order.

IN MEMORY



ONE who has for years contributed to this editorial page expressions of fine sentiment, sound logic and lofty ideals, interpretation of Elk principles and purposes, will offer them no more.

The voice that for years, through the printed lines of these columns, spoke of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity is forever silent.

The pen which recorded his inspiring thoughts, his calls to better ways of living, his urge to deeper, fuller devotion to the teachings of Elkdome lies unused upon his desk.

In these columns which he so bountifully enriched we pay our tribute to "Bill" Phillips, loved, trusted and respected by thousands.

It must be a simple tribute. He was a simple man, although a man of unusual gifts and character. He had no patience with pretence or with show.

In all the nearly half-century of his membership in the Order he served modestly, and yet brilliantly and effectively.

In each of the offices he held, in New York Lodge No. 1, in the New York State Elks Association, in the Grand Lodge, he contributed to the uplifting, strengthening and advancement of the Order.

A SUBORDINATE LODGE MAN



THE election of former Grand Trustee George I. Hall as Grand Exalted Ruler last month raises to the top executive position of our Order another leader eminently qualified to serve in that office.

Since his affiliation with our Order twenty-two years ago, Mr. Hall has gained thorough experience in his unselfish devotion to the cause of Elkdome. His outstanding record as Exalted Ruler of Lynbrook, N. Y., Lodge, No. 1515, his faithful service to the Order in the Southeastern District of New York both as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and as President of the Past Exalted Rulers Association, his work as President of the New York State Elks Association, and his broader contributions to our Order as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee and Secretary and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees attest his ability and his command of local lodge and State Association problems, and of problems on the nationwide fraternal level.

In his business career, this seasoned fraternal leader has attained comparable success as an officer of one of the largest corporations in America, as a director of the Queens County Federal Savings and Loan Association, and as a member of the New York Stock Transfer Association.

At the age of 52, George Hall enters the office of Grand Exalted Ruler with becoming humility, mindful of the increasing importance of our Order as a patriotic organization devoted to things American. He waves aside his enviable accomplishments and record of service with the solid assertion that he is a "subordinate lodge man". Thoroughly familiar with subordinate lodge affairs, he attributes the strength of our Order to our lodges as the lifeblood of our Fraternity.

George Hall will win your heart and your willing hand as he has won the friendship and support of everyone with whom he has been associated. His chief aim this year is summed up in his slogan, "Make Democracy Work." To achieve that objective, he counts on the assistance of every member of our Order. With your help, and with the guidance of our leaders who have preceded him in office, he will build our Order soundly and direct it in its usual role of service to country by promoting the American way of life.

He was convincing and effective in writing, eloquent and impressive in speech.

He will be remembered by those present on occasions when the Order's Ritual, to which he contributed, was rendered by him, understandingly, impressively, faultlessly.

He will be remembered by those whom he visited as they lay on a sick bed, for he never failed to find time for such friendly, helpful visits.

He will be remembered by the members of the hundreds of lodges of the Order whose meetings he attended, often at considerable personal inconvenience, carrying always a most inspiring message.

He will be remembered by those thousands who have seen and heard him in the Sessions of the Grand Lodge where he was always listened to with interest, respect and appreciation.

He will be remembered by the hundreds of thousands of Elks who feel that, as the result of reading his editorials in *The Elks Magazine*, they have a truer concept of the principles of our Order, a deeper understanding of the blessings that are theirs as citizens of our country and a firmer determination to meet individually the accompanying responsibilities.

He will be remembered most tenderly by those of us privileged to enjoy close companionship with him, to learn the depth of his loyalty to a friend, the strength of his devotion to the Order, the fidelity of his adherence to the highest standards of personal conduct.



"I was curious..."



I tasted it...



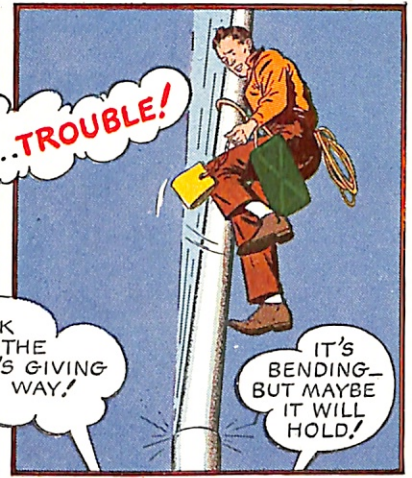
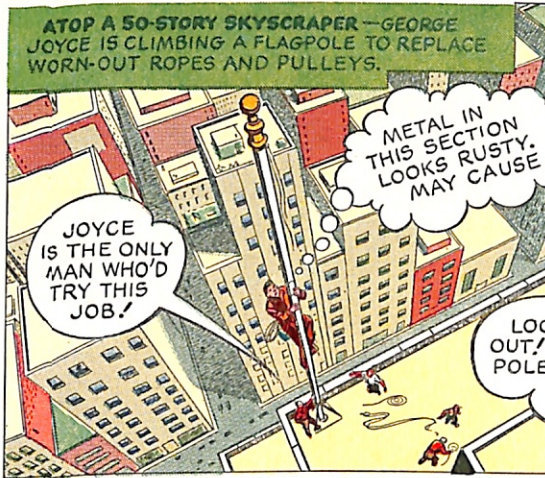
Now I know why Schlitz is...

The Beer that made Milwaukee Famous!"



DANGER UNLIMITED!

ACE STEEPLE-JACK GEORGE JOYCE PROVES
EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER!



ATOP A 50-STORY SKYSCRAPER—GEORGE JOYCE IS CLIMBING A FLAGPOLE TO REPLACE WORN-OUT ROPES AND PULLEYS.

JOYCE IS THE ONLY MAN WHO'D TRY THIS JOB!

METAL IN THIS SECTION LOOKS RUSTY. MAY CAUSE...TROUBLE!

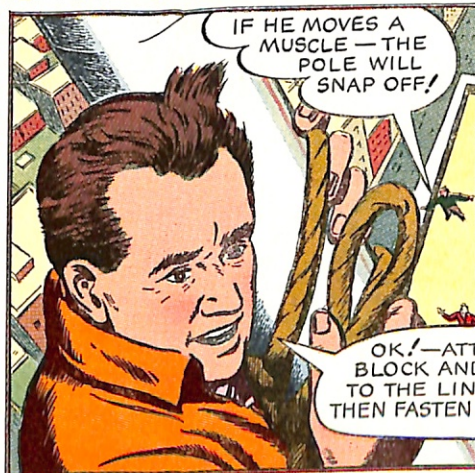
LOOK OUT! THE POLE'S GIVING WAY!

IT'S BENDING—BUT MAYBE IT WILL HOLD!

HANGING IN MID-AIR 50 STORIES UP.

JOYCE CALLS ON ALL HIS NERVE AND EXPERIENCE.* FIRST, HE QUICKLY REMOVES HIS FOOT FROM STIRRUP ROPE; THEN DROPS THE LINE TO HIS ASSISTANTS.

*EXPERIENCE IS THE BEST TEACHER—IN STEEPLE-JACKING AND IN CIGARETTES TOO. WITH MILLIONS WHO HAVE TRIED AND COMPARED, CAMELS ARE THE "CHOICE OF EXPERIENCE."



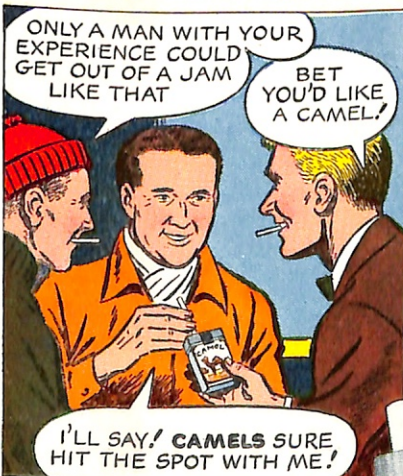
IF HE MOVES A MUSCLE—THE POLE WILL SNAP OFF!



A LITTLE STRAIGHTER, BOYS, AND I CAN SLIDE DOWN!

ANYBODY ELSE WOULD HAVE GOTTEN RATTLED—AND CRASHED!

OK!—ATTACH THE BLOCK AND TACKLE TO THE LINE I DROPPED—THEN FASTEN IT TO THE ROOF!



ONLY A MAN WITH YOUR EXPERIENCE COULD GET OUT OF A JAM LIKE THAT

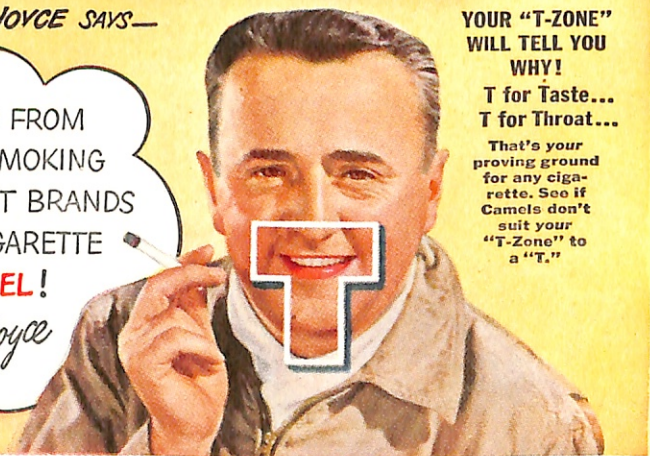
BET YOU'D LIKE A CAMEL!

I'LL SAY! CAMELS SURE HIT THE SPOT WITH ME!

STEEPLE-JACK GEORGE JOYCE SAYS—

I'VE LEARNED FROM EXPERIENCE IN SMOKING SEVERAL DIFFERENT BRANDS—THERE'S NO CIGARETTE LIKE A CAMEL!

George Joyce



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